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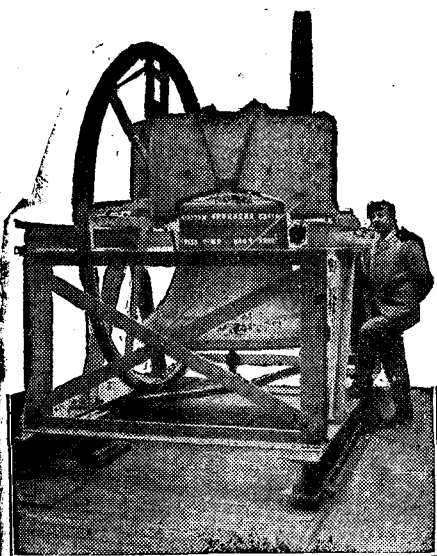
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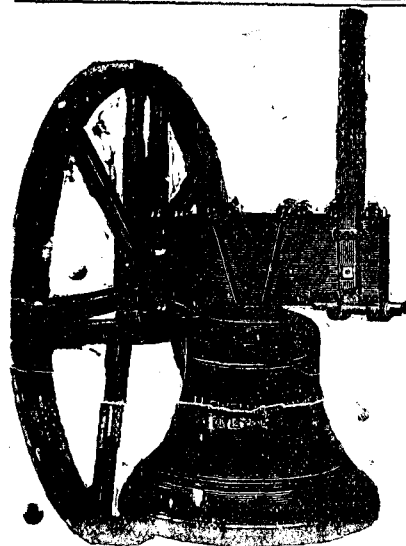
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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The parish church of Llangibby, dedicated to St. Cybi, was on Saturday afternoon, December 21st, the scene of an interesting ceremony, namely the dedication of two new bells placed in the tower to the memory of the late Mr. Hopton Addams Williams. It will be remembered that that gentleman succeeded the late Mr. John Lawrence as Master of the Llangibby Fox Hounds, and during his lifetime it was decided by the members of the Hunt to recognise his sterling worth, both as a country gentleman and a sportsman, by an appropriate presentation, but before the plans were fully matured Mr. Williams passed away. Subscriptions had come in freely to Mr. E. Waddington and Mr. J. C. Llewellyn, the hon. officials of the fund, and the question of how best to expend the money and do honour to and perpetuate the memory of the deceased gentleman was decided in favour of an addition of two bells to the peal of six in the parish church, which were installed at the time of the restoration by Sir Hopton Williams. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, bell founders, of Loughborough, who had also to recast the old 4th bell to lower it half a tone to perfect the new scales. The two new bells bear the simple inscription: "Hopton Addams Williams, 1907." There was a large congregation in the quaint old church for the service. The Rev. Harry Cockson (Rector of Llanllowell and Vicar of Llanbadoc), preached the sermon, and the Rev. Herbert Addams Williams, Rector of Llangibby, read the dedicatory prayers. During the service the hymns commencing "Of all the saints" and "Hark, hark my soul" were sung.

The local band started the bells in rounds and Queens, and afterwards a few short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by visiting ringers, and then a peal of Triples was attempted by the ringers from All Saints church, Newport, conducted by J. W. Jones, a change-course occurring half-way, the bells were brought round. The "go" and tone of the bells is excellent, every one being delighted with them, and as regards the hanging great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor's representative for the way in which he has carried out the work. The work done is a new treble, new tenor 15 cwt., and the re-casting of the old 4th. There not being room enough to place the eight on the same level, the two largest bells are placed below in a steel frame.

Five years ago the six bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, previous to which they had not been rung for some time, being in a very dilapidated state as regards the frame and fittings. After the rehanging a young band was started, and change-ringing being unknown by anyone there, assistance was sought, and soon their first 120 of Grandsire was rung. Then the question of completing the octave was suggested, but for want of funds could not be carried out. When the question of in what form a memorial should be placed to Mr. Hopton A. Williams, the ringers thought this was their opportunity, and urged the Rector to put forward the adding of two more bells. Several things were suggested and proposed by different

members of the committee, but eventually it was decided to have the bells. Apart from it being the best thing to do from a ringers' point of view, nothing could be more appropriate to the occasion either, seeing that the old six bells cast in 1712 by the Rudhalls of Gloucester, bear the inscription on them—"Sir Hopton A. Williams, churchwarden," and after a lapse of nearly 200 years for one by the same name and also of the same family, and also churchwarden of the same church, for two new bells to be placed to his memory.

After the ringing ceased the whole of the ringers present, both local and visiting, were invited to The White Hart hotel by the Rector, where it was found an excellent luncheon was awaiting them. The Rector having to leave early to attend a meeting, the ringers gave him a hearty send-off by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," and the remainder of the evening was spent by the singing of songs, etc., thus in all probability history repeating itself as regards the dedication of bells after a period of close on 300 years.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 15th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a small attendance was the result. But members were present from Blackwell, Clay Cross, Selston, Swanwick, South Normanton, Morton, Tibshelf, Tevershall and North Wingfield. The Vicar (Rev. G. E. Atkins), was voted to the chair. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Messrs. Marshall and Cook were duly appointed auditors for the Easter accounts. Major R. P. Leach was duly admitted as an honorary member.

The members (thirty in number), were regaled to a substantial tea through the generosity of the Vicar, Major Leach, and churchwardens. The above were duly thanked; also the ladies who so kindly waited at the tables. The bells, a musical ring of six in F sharp, were kept going to Treble Bob and Plain methods until after 8.30 p.m., all the visitors spending an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouth, on Boxing Day, December 26th, and proved to be about the largest as regards attendance in the history of the Association. Previous to the meeting a shortened evening service was held in the church at four o'clock, which was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. W. Davies, who also gave an address, touching upon the duties, etc., devolving upon ringers and their calling. Immediately after the service all were invited to the Parish Institute by the churchwarden (A. J. Stevens, esq.), with his usual generosity, to tea, where an excellent one was awaiting, and to which an unusual number sat down. Tea over, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that gentleman for his kindness. Mr. Stevens then took the chair, and the meeting commenced by him

apologizing for the absence of the Vicar of the parish which unfortunately was unavoidable.

The Hon. Secretary was then called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as correct and signed. Arising out of the minutes Mr. J. W. Jones gave his report as to the instruction given to the Merthyr tower and it was decided for a few more visits to be made.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next business, Mr. T. Dawe of Llandaff being unanimously elected Master. The other officers were re-elected.

The place for the next Annual Meeting was next discussed and it was eventually decided to be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on December 26th, 1908. It was also arranged for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting to be held at Trevechin, Pontypool.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the Assistant Hon. Secretary, was then chosen as the representative to attend the meeting of the Central Council.

Then followed a proposition which was carried that the Association purchase a light ring of handbells for the purpose of teaching change-ringing, as the Instructor was often handicapped owing to the tower in many cases where instruction was being given not having any handbell, W. N. Stone, Esq., also A. J. Stevens, Esq., both of St. Woolos, Newport, very kindly subscribing 10s. 6d. each towards the cost of them.

The election of new members was next proceeded with, which numbered thirty-two, and included amongst them thirteen from Bedwellty, which is a new tower to become affiliated, and who are anxious to go in for change-ringing, at present an unknown quantity to them.

Subscriptions were afterwards taken, and after the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed. The bells of both St. Woolos and All Saints' churches being placed to the use of the members, steps were made for both towers, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman rung, thus concluding a most successful meeting.

THE LATE MR. S. GOUGH OF GARSTON.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The unveiling of the tablet in the porch of the Garston Parish Church, recording the muffled peal rung on the bells in memory of the late Mr. S. Gough, of the Avenue, Garston, took place on Saturday afternoon. A shortened evening service was held in the church prior to the ceremony, the Vicar, the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, M.A., and the Rev. J. Shaw conducting.

Mr. J. Rawlinson, churchwarden, unveiled the tablet, which was inscribed:—"In memory of Mr. S. Gough, died October 20th, 1907, aged 85 years, a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, in two hours 53 minutes. R. Kelly 1, T. Morris 2, A. H. Edwards 3, R. H. Green 4, J. W. Rawlinson 5, J. Allen 6, Walter Hughes 7, E. B. Bright 8; conducted by Walter Hughes. Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, Vicar; E. W. Turner, J. Rawlinson, wardens." Mr. Rawlinson said he felt affected in performing that ceremony, because he had been his old friend all his life, very nearly 60 years. That board had been in that porch 30 years, with the one vacant tablet remaining, and it grieved Mr. Gough very much to think that his name would have to fill that tablet some day. He thanked God that he had spared him so long a life.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, gave an address afterwards in the church basing, his remarks on the words

in the Epistle of St. Peter, "Good stewards of the manifold grace of God." The late Mr. Gough was well-known throughout the town of Garston, but those present knew him chiefly as a keen and enthusiastic ringer. He did not know how long he had known Mr. Gough, but he had always regarded him as one of his greatest friends in this part of Lancashire. There were ringers present who had been brought into touch with him more frequently than he had, and therefore he could only speak as an outsider. Amongst Lancashire ringers there were those who started well, and whose names are perpetually in the records, but after a time they lost interest, and they were heard of no more. Mr. Gough had been a striking contrast. He maintained his interest to the last, and when past his 80th birthday he rang a peal of 5,000 changes in that tower. His motive had not been primarily to secure enjoyment out of ringing, though that had come in a remarkable degree, but for the glory of God. He had always regarded ringing as a great privilege, and a great gift from God, which it was his duty to use to the utmost. Then they found some ringers who were selfish, thinking only of their own glory, and never troubling to help other less experienced ringers, but again Mr. Gough's life offered a contrast. Ringing taught one great lesson, brotherhood. So it was with their old friend. He would always help forward other ringers, and spread the knowledge of the art. To those present a memorial was unnecessary. Mr. Gough's example and influence would ever remain with them, but that board would stand at the entrance to the church, and in years to come speak of the example and influence of him who had been a good steward of the manifold grace of God. It might be said that ringing was not the greatest gift, but Mr. Gough did not think so, and he had tried to live worthily, using to the utmost the ability that God had given him.

After service the members adjourned to the Institute for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided over the business meeting held after tea. The minutes of last meeting were read and passed. It was proposed and seconded that the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe be elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Rawlinson for unveiling the tablet, also to Mr. Elsee for his address.

Mr. Davies proposed that the secretary report at the next meeting on the practices in Liverpool.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for providing tea. In reply he said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Garston as it was the first meeting of ringers that he had attended.

SEASONABLE NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

We have examined some beautiful silk goods made by Mr. Wilfrid Matthews, of Bond Street, Macclesfield. They consist of kerchiefs of all kinds, wraps, and other fancy articles, wrought in beautiful and chaste designs. As gifts these are both seasonable, and reasonable; very appropriate at this time. Mr. Matthews still continues to weave ringers' handkerchiefs of designs which are very pleasing; in all colors and shades. For a peal-record in beautiful material, nothing is more pleasant to look upon; and nothing certainly more durable. Those who have not had any products of the Matthews loom have denied themselves a great pleasure.

NUNEATON.—On Thursday, November 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Goodyer, J. H. White, H. Argyle, T. Cure, J. F. Clarke, T. W. Chapman conductor, also a course and 180 of Oxford Bob,

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on January 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 9th and 23rd; St. John. South Hackney, on January 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 14th and 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on January 14th, when important business will be brought forward. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKEYLL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—In accordance with rule xvii a special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The usual practice will not take place at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bramley to-day, Sat., January 4th. Bells (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. at The Cardigan Arms.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Sat., January 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Franklin's Restaurant, George Street.
REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Society.—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 11th. Meeting-house—The Little Saddle inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Members are requested to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30., at 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.
H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's church, Chorley, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, January 11th. Tea at 5.30. Service at Christ Church at 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. The annual reports will also be issued. All who intend to be present please notify Mr. G. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall, not later than the previous Wednesday.

REV. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells ready at 4.30.
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, January 18th, full particulars of which will be published in our next issue.
For W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at the parish church, Darlaston, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from two o'clock, and during the evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting and tea will be held in the Girls' Institute opposite the Town Hall. Tea, 1s. per head for all those sending their names not later than the 13th inst. to
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Brighouse on Saturday, January 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 13th.
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Middleton, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3, Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. Circulars will be issued on or about January 8th.
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NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.—Wilfrid Matthews, Bond Street, Macclesfield

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KEIGHLEY.—This peal was rung to celebrate the unique succession of ringing in the Hardcastle family of Halifax, Yorks., during the past century. The first of this ringing family was William, who we find at seventeen years of age took part at the opening of Keighley bells, ringing the second bell in a peal of 5088 New Treble Bob Major, which was rung by the Halifax company at the opening of the bells, March 30th, 1807. Particulars of this peal will be found in Sottanstell's works. This William Hardcastle kept his ringing up to a ripe old age, ringing peals with the Halifax and other companies in various methods, till we find him ringing a 5000 when 69 years of age, and another at Halifax when 73 years old, ringing the third bell with his grandson at the tenor. His grandson Joseph Hy. Hardcastle, we find busy at a rope when fourteen years of age, and with a great career before him, which was developed into a great reputation as a thorough ringer and incomparable conductor; he also served the Yorkshire Association for many years in an official position, and his portrait with biography appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" some years ago, which many will remember. The surviving ringing member of the family, "Young Joe," as he is familiarly called, and great grandson of William Hardcastle, now took the opportunity of ringing the same bell in a peal of Treble Bob at the same church as his great grandsire had done a century ago. This was accomplished in a masterly style and accompanied by the congratulations of the favoured participants in this interesting event, which was voted a record of ringing hereditament.

J. COTTERELL'S 100 PEALS.—Bob Minor 1; Triples 4, conducted 1; Major 5, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 4; Oxford Major 3, conducted 2; Kent *53, conducted 20; 1 silent; Royal 15, conducted 5; Stedman Triples 9; Caters 4. Total—100; conducted 30. Rung in 30 towers. *Includes a 10,400, conducted.

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Mr. John Carter, 130, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, will be pleased to send to any composers and conductors his broadsheet if they will send him a stamped addressed envelope.

DONCASTER (Yorks.)—On Saturday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Fevre, R. Bayles, C. Scott, H. Marwood, H. Brock, G. Clow, G. Halks worth conductor, W. Howard.

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The Third Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Cambridge on Whitstun-Tuesday, June 9th, 1908. Reports of Committees and any Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 9th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

Should it in any case be thought desirable to render a Postal Order secure by the insertion of the name of the office at which it is to be payable, may I ask Hon. Secs. not to insert "Stonehouse," which is more than six miles distant, but either "Saul" or "Frampton-on-Severn."

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Frotherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

CHRISTMASTIDE HANDBELL MUSIC.

Last week we printed the following paragraph:—

"MR. W. GORDON, of 44, Celtic Street, Stockport, has just published a splendid Christmas piece for handbell ringers, the title being as follows: "No. 196. Christians awake; and Hark! the Herald Angels sing." Arranged for six ringers, with two octaves of bells in G, also two Fs natural and two Cs sharp, 19 bells in all. This music is quite new, and is published at the low figure of 1s. 6d."

We have great pleasure in hearing that the publication of this music has been a great success, every purchaser being delighted with it. A few copies only are left unsold, but it is very probable that after next week it will be out of print. Purchasers regard it as quite a curio in its way; a document worthy of preservation, possibly in years to come a very valuable asset.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for Men's Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. H. Bolton, A. Jones, E. Cassell, A. Whittington, J. P. Kent, F. Skevington conductor, H. Adams, G. W. Coombes.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

REPLY TO MR. O'MEARA.

SIR,—Mr. O'Meara is no less unfortunate in his second philippic than he was in his first: and if your good nature, Mr. Editor, will allow him, we are threatened with further doses of the same irrelevant kind, by instalments. If all this trumpetry is not inspired by jealousy, I leave your readers to decide. It is no easy task to me to endeavour to treat him seriously, but I will try.

(i.) As regards charges made at St. George's and St. Giles',

Camberwell, I know nothing of their origin. They were certainly not instigated by me, and it is really too absurd of Mr. O'Meara to suggest that they were. The determination of the authorities at St. Giles' to charge a guinea (which I have never paid) was stated to be this—that the ringing of the bells by non-parishioners required the renewal of bell ropes oftener than would otherwise have been the case. This fee was first imposed in 1904, and I have never since sought permission to ring there. With regard to St. George's church, a small charge has always been made, and I do not know when it originated.

(ii.) It is a terrible crime certainly to have unconsciously prevented a band of London ringers from ringing at St. Clement Danes on the 14th December last. I offer them my sincere apology; but I should just like to say that permission was given to me on the 25th September, so that if any one of the band had just taken the trouble to make enquiry, there need have been no disappointment.

(iii.) Mr. O'Meara defies me to mention a single instance where members of the Middlesex County Association have ever rung at a City church for Divine Service on Sundays. May I refer him to page 164 of "THE BELL NEWS" of 12th July, 1902? He will find a case reported there. Other unrecorded instances may have occurred. They might easily occur without my knowing anything about them; but Mr. O'Meara has defied me to give him a single case, and I hope I have satisfied him.

Here let me pause at this period of "peace and goodwill" to offer an olive branch to Mr. O'Meara, and also to Mr. Price, whom I am sorry to find rushing into print to tell me what my policy ought to be in carrying on the work of an Association to which at one time he did not disdain to belong. I suppose "stoney ringing" is not unknown to every county Association; and as regards the tower to which he appears to refer, he will find on enquiry that instruction is being given at the present time by a very able representative of my Association. What I wish to say to both these gentlemen is this: that I have at heart a very reverent regard for the old London Societies, and if only they will treat me with a little more consideration, they will find me quick to respond. Believe me, there is room for us all, and our work will be better done, if we leave one another alone. I have had persistent opposition in quarters where I might have expected better treatment, and all I wanted to achieve was to get an occasional privilege (such as a ten or twelve-bell tower) for my members. In asking for this privilege, I have invariably used the expression, "provided that, in making this request, I am not interfering with the privileges of any London Society." If I had not attempted to do the best I could for my members, I should have been a very poor sort of Hon. Secretary; but it has never entered my head that in doing so I was doing the old societies any real injury. I had thought that the service held a year or two ago at St. Clement Danes, at the suggestion of the Bishop of London, would have healed all misunderstandings, and I believe that it had this effect, save in the minds of a very few irreconcilables. We are now beginning to find out who these irreconcilables are. Let me say that I am ready to treat the old Societies with the consideration which ought to satisfy them if they will only try to meet me in the same spirit; but don't let any of them suppose that I am going to be snuffed out by the sort of irrelevant criticism of which we have had too much already. If any of these have foes to contend with, they will never be found in me, or in any member of the Middlesex Association; their enemies will be mainly those of their own household. Surely we shall all get on better by a policy of mutual understanding.

In apologising to your readers for the part I have taken in this correspondence, I plead simply, that it has been thrust upon me.

ARTHUR T. KING.

"POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—If after the correspondence in your columns Mr. Daniell still maintains that London men as a body object to points as points and not on account of the Middlesex Association, I appeal from him to your readers. Please note—I take no side in the dispute that has so unfortunately risen. All the parties are my very good friends and if I have any bias at all it is towards my own Society, the College Youths.

It is true that, as Mr. Daniell says, I can get but little among

the London men. Mine is the loss. But I am not so ignorant of London opinion as he would make out. This local dispute has raised so much dust that the real issue is obscured and I still look for some real solid objections to points as points. Mr. Daniell presses the most obvious, that of non-resident members and overlapping. But this is an objection almost entirely confined to London, and whatever may be the ignorance of ordinary men, Mr. Daniell surely knows that societies have a corporate existence and interests apart from the individuals. It is the societies and not necessarily the individuals that compete in the Analysis. This is not a forced argument. It holds with all cricket and football and suchlike societies where a man may easily belong to two teams and play for one at one time and another at another. Mr. Daniell makes the most extraordinary statement that "anything like competition between the London Societies appears to be absurd." And he is an historian! Has he never heard of the long warfare that ended in the 12,000 Treble Ten at Shoreditch? or the legend of the two trebles at St. Bride's? Competition is the breath of the nostrils of peal ringing. When you ring a peal if you are not competing against another band, you are competing against a record, or if not against a record against a fixed standard. Mr. Daniell, nor no one else, will ever do away with competition in ringing, and so long as human nature is what it is we shall always have with us these "that be never at heart's ease, while they behold a greater than themselves." Points for peals do not create this rivalry, they only try to systemise it. Do away with points and you do not touch one of the evils, real or imaginary, that some of your correspondents speak of. Mr. Papillon and Mr. Parker and Mr. Boufflower's objections touch peal ringing itself, and their objections remain, although you consign the Analysis and all its works to limbo. Again points for peals are certainly not the cause of the "friction and irritation" that Mr. Daniell speaks of. My point is that this friction and irritation caused by reasons with which I have nothing to do have been used to discredit the Analysis. Mr. Daniell says I cannot altogether defend it. I never tried; as a member of the Analysis Committee I am only anxious that both sides of the question should be heard. I know that many people away from London do highly value the Analysis and I don't want it to be discredited by a side issue. As for my proposed scheme there certainly would be no difficulty save in the flatulent roll call of the College Youths in finding out the membership of each society. Almost invariably the Annual Reports will supply the information. Mr. Daniell is just a little disingenuous in comparing my opinion with that of Sir George Grove. I am but a small being. Sir George is a recognised authority. Still he was not omniscient. He knew absolutely nothing about ringing from the inside while even the most candid of my friends will not deny me some knowledge on the subject. Whatever Mr. Daniell may say about ringing I always treat with the respect it deserves, though I may not agree with it. But when one quotes an outsider, even though he be as eminent as the late Sir George Grove I simply ask, Quel diable fait-il dans cette affaire?

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—May I wish yourself, Mr. Daniell, and all your readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Ealing, December 22nd, 1907.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's "query" in his letter of the 21st. (1) as to whether I consider certain proceedings fit in with the intentions of the originators of peal-points, I can only repeat (speaking personally) I think they do not. (2) as to its adjustment to fit in with the intentions of the originators, I see no difficulty whatever as we have a peal points committee of the Central Council, therefore it is open for any member of the Council to bring forward an amendment (of the present system) at the next Annual Meeting of the Council, and would no doubt lead to a very interesting discussion, and would eventually, I presume, be referred to the Peal Points Committee for their report on the same. It may perhaps interest some of our young ringers to know the history of peal points, which first came to light on May 11th, 1889, through a special meeting called by the Sussex County Association—at which yours truly was present—to settle a standard of points for peals rung in the different methods by the members of the different branches in the

Challenge Bell Competition. A report from this meeting was brought forward at the following Annual Meeting at Brighton, on July 10th, and after a long discussion was eventually passed. Following this Mr. Attree's analysis gradually evolved into the system, and has now become the standard of the peal points Committee of the Council. With reference to the Sussex Association Challenge Bell competition, points are strictly confined to bands affiliated to the Association, although they are shewn for all peal ringing members.

On looking over my "BELL NEWS" for 1889, I find this question of peals rung by members not resident in the County is no new thing, for in "THE BELL NEWS" for June 29th, 1889, page 151, will be found a letter from a gentleman at Bath. He quotes a question raised at a ringers' meeting, and would like to see it discussed in this paper, i.e. "Is it advisable that peals in which life members of various Associations ring should be scored as peals in any Association peal-book."

I have not been able to find any reply to this question in the following numbers. Just one word to Mr. O'Meara with regard to his remark in his letter as to a "clique" scoring most of the points for Sussex when it figured at the top of the Analysis. This remark was quite uncalled for, and has been answered by Mr. Sharman, but if he alludes to the band as a clique who rang the first peal of Loudon Surprise Major in the city of London I may say they were all members of the St. Peter's Amateur Society Brighton, and will therefore therefore leave readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to judge by the records in this paper for the years above mentioned, whether Mr. O'Meara's remarks were justified or not.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

"LONDON ROYAL."

SIR,—Mr. Lindoff seems very hard hit over my taking up the question of the above, but may I point out to him, I am not at all put out at what he calls reverses. Why should I? It is quite open to anyone to practise and ring peals in any method they chose, and as to hitting out wildly at the men who rung the method, it never entered my head to do such a thing, for no doubt those who did ring it, were satisfied to call it London Royal, because it was put into their hands as such. My point is this: the method published by Mr. Lindoff is not London Royal, and the first peal of Royal in that method has yet to be rung. I may tell him it is not my intention at present of tearing laurels from those whose wish it is to credit themselves with them, I ask for no credit for bringing this question before the Exercise, but I asked in my letter of the 14th December which of the two leads published was deserving of the name of London Royal, and instead of getting the question answered, Mr. Lindoff gets on another tack, and tries to wriggle away from the main question by insinuations of a different nature. He has yet to prove that my letter conveyed either to him or to the band who rang the peal, that I belittled their performance or treated them in any way dishonourable. The band rang the method, I very heartily congratulate them, and instead of my being sorely hit, I am immensely pleased.

Mr. Lindoff's letter is made up of trifling queries. Will he please answer the question I asked, viz.: "Is the lead published by him London Royal, now that he has seen that produced by the Rev. E. B. James?"

I have stated my reasons why I wrote respecting the method and I suggest that Mr. Lindoff utilize his undoubted ability in the direction it is best suited, and not by trying to open up a discussion on what I term "ifs and buts."

Bristol.

F. G. MAY.

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SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me space to state that the committee of the Bedfordshire Association, after a full consideration of all the facts of the case, decided to allow the peal of Stedman Caters at Bedford to remain in the peal book as the record of the first peal of Caters in that method in the county.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1907.

In the prolonged correspondence now appearing which deals chiefly with the working of the Middlesex County Association, we read of a very extraordinary regulation which is said to be in existence at the church of St. Giles, Camberwell, Surrey. This is nothing else but demanding a fee—and not a small one either—from any company of visiting ringers who desire to achieve a peal on the ring of ten bells at this church. Now and then we hear, but rarely, be it said, of some jack-in-office broadly hinting to the ringers that something of the kind is expected from them, something more than the usual steeples which visiting ringers are never loth to pay. In the pages of the REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S work—"Among the Bells"—there is recorded a case in some benighted part of the country where the fee of five shillings is demanded before entering the tower! This is bad enough; but nothing to what the authorities of St. Giles, Camberwell, stipulate. They want, so we read to-day, the *modest* sum of one guinea from ringers who wish to attempt a peal! A very specious reason is assigned for this extraordinary charge. The authorities say that "the ringing of the bells by non-

parishioners required the renewal of bell-ropes oftener than would otherwise have been the case." Can we suppose for one moment that the authors of such a stupid regulation as this possessed well-balanced minds! There is a Houndsditch flavor about it.

If we can bring ourselves to believe that this Hebraic fee was actually for the purposes stated, it does not need the power of witchcraft or divination to enable any one to see at once that the object in view must be totally destroyed. If these authorities had been wise, they would have been spared the obloquy of such a regulation.

The Metropolis.

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*First peal of Major.

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| J. WILLIAM POOLEY Treble. | HENRY F. EWINS 5. |
| HENRY A. HOAD 2. | GEORGE F. HOAD 6. |
| GEORGE W. WALDER 3. | JOHN CAPP 7. |
| ARTHUR HOLMAN 4. | WILLIAM ARGENT Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

WATTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lbs.

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| ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble. | ALBERT PHILLIPS 4. |
| FRED W. ELLIOTT 2. | ERNEST A. OVERALL 5. |
| EDWARD H. KING 3. | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which are extremely noisy in the ringing-room. The band were hospitably entertained after by one of the local band. First peal since the re-casting of the 3rd.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE,

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 6-score each of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| W. BENNETT* Treble. | *H. J. HOLE 3. |
| S. PARSONS* 2. | *A. BAKER 4. |
| C. GREEDY 3. | Tenor. |

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

*First peal of Doubles.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT Treble. | *JOHN PIPER 5. |
| WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2. | ROBERT MATTHEWS 6. |
| WILLIAM POTTER* 3. | JOHN BASS 7. |
| CHARLES E. PERKINS* 4. | WALTER J. BRETHERTON Tenor. |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Stedman.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

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| J. WYATT Treble. | F. BIRD 4. |
| F. POLE 2. | W. JOHNSON 5. |
| J. E. BAKER 3. | J. CRIDDLE Tenor. |

Conducted by J. E. BAKER.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Mr. J. Sully, of Zinch, Stogumber, in the spring of 1906. First peal by all.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| STEPHEN CHINN Treble. | E. C. SWEET 4. |
| THOMAS DOBLE 2. | A. E. COLES 5. |
| CHARLES EVANS 3. | *JAMES WINSLADE Tenor. |

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| WALTER SMITH* Treble. | *GEORGE WHITEAKER 6. |
| JAMES COTTERELL 2. | JOSEPH H. BRAZEY 7. |
| DAVID R. SMITH 3. | JOSEPH BROADLEY 8. |
| JONAS S. AMBLER 4. | JOHN MCKELL 9. |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 5. | FRED SALMONS Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by D. R. SMITH.

*First peal of Royal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES Treble. | HARRY FLANDERS 5. |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2. | BERTRAM PREWETT 6. |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3. | JAMES GEORGE 7. |
| QR-MASTER SGT. A. PYE 4. | WILLIAM PYE Tenor. |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JAMES MERRICK Treble. | WILLIAM H. JOINER 5. |
| EDGAR HANCOX 2. | HENRY H. CHANDLER 6. |
| JOSEPH J. PRATT 3. | WILLIAM S. SMITH 7. |
| JESSE ELDRIDGE 4. | WILLIAM HONOR Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

J. Eldridge was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| JOHN RICHARDS Treble. | THOMAS BULL 5. |
| ALBERT BROOKS 2. | JOHN MONK 6. |
| HARRY BROOKS 3. | *JESSE BROOKS 7. |
| FREDERICK POUNDS 4. | †GEORGE BROOKS Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal. *First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

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| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble. | CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 5. |
| JAMES D. DREWETT 2. | ALBERT CALVER 6. |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS .. 3. | GEORGE WOODISS 7. |
| GEORGE EDGER 4. | JOHN EMERY Tenor. |

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 11. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| JAMES PAGETT Treble. | CHARLES DRAPER 5. |
| CHARLES E. HART 2. | SAMUEL MASKREY 6. |
| ALBERT H. WARD 3. | WALTER WALLACE 7. |
| EDMUND WILLIS 4. | GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor. |

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'S.

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| T. R. DENNIS* Treble. | *F. KEMPTON 5. |
| REV. A. H. BOUGHEY 2. | F. PITSTOW 6. |
| J. TAYLOR 3. | G. TAYLOR 7. |
| W. KEMPTON 4. | *P. TAYLOR Tenor. |

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

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| REV. A. W. LISTER* .. Treble. | J. W. NEWTON 5. |
| F. P. HOWCROFT 2. | A. W. BARRETT 6. |
| R. ALCOCK 3. | T. METCALFE 7. |
| J. WALLER 4. | T. STEPHENSON Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in F.

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| ALBERT E. DURRANT .. Treble. | *WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5. |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2. | WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6. |
| HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3. | JAMES MOTTS 7. |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4. | LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| GORDON CHECKETTS .. Treble. | WILLIAM FISHER 5. |
| JOHN BASS 2. | WILLIAM SHILVOCK 6. |
| ALFRED DAVIES 3. | WILLIAM SHORT 7. |
| WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 4. | ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor. |

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

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| EDWIN SHEPHERD .. Treble. | EDMUND SARGENT 5. |
| JOHN HAYMAN 2. | ADOLPHUS SNOW 6. |
| FRANK MURPHY 3. | JAMES MOSS 7. |
| THOMAS MUDGE 4. | ADOLF MONKLEY Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

NORTHFIELDS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores.

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| FRANK FAY Treble. | SAMUEL GROVE 4. |
| FRANK WITHERS 2. | JAMES DOWLER 5. |
| JOHN WITHERS 3. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN WITHERS.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble. | JAMES H. MAWSON 5. |
| JOE HARDCASTLE 2. | THOMAS B. KENDALL 6. |
| JAMES COTTERELL 3. | ROBERT W. JENNISON 7. |
| JOHN S. AMBLER 4. | JOHN MCKELL Tenor. |

Composed by J. H. HARDCASTLE, and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

This is the conductor's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble. | JOHN POTTER 5. |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 2. | JOSEPH RIDYARD 6. |
| TITUS BARLOW 3. | JAMES H. RIDYARD 7. |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 4. | THOMAS PEERS Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

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Handbell Peal.**HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, December 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. EDSEER, SEN., FELLCOTT LANE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

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| CHARLES J. NORTH .. 1-2. | GEORGE EDSEER, JUN. .. 5-6. |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4. | ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 7-8. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—G. Woodiss. First peal on handbells by the above Association. †Twentieth peal, aged 16 years 11 months.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Darley, Derbyshire, without any conductor being mentioned.

Date Touches.**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BARTON SEAGRAVE.—On Saturday, November 9th, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Robinson, M. Hobbs conductor, W. Robinson, V. Clarke, F. Tite. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins., taken from Shipw. W. Doran conductor, A. Neal, J. Scholes, T. Cornfield, J. Moule, S. Bird, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, H. Torbell, G. Potter.

BRAINTREE.—On Christmas Day, for early Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 992 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, S. R. Roper, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. T. White, V. Pavier, F. W. Richardson, H. E. White, J. Law, A. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. D. Letzer.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday evening, November 12th, at the parish church, for practice, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Smith, E. Hayward, A. Luder, W. Salter, G. Archer, C. More, A. Hart, J. Souter. And 1024 Superlative Surprise. A. Luder, C. More, J. Smith, W. Chinery, W. Wiskens, E. Hayward, G. Archer, J. Souter conductor. Longest touch of Superlative on the bells by a local company.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 5th, at St. Anne's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 45 mins., composed by C. Charge. E. Bonfield, F. Smith, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, E. F. Cole, N. Alderman, E. Chapman, W. J. Nudds conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and 3rd.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—At the parish church, on Tuesday, October 8th, for practice, 848 Double Norwich. L. A. Wilson, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Brinkworth, O. Norman, R. W. Hyner conductor, S. Palmer, T. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington. On Tuesday,

December 17th, for practice, 400 Double Norwich. T. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, L. A. Wilson, O. Norman, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner conductor. At St. Mark's church 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Ricketts, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner conductor, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, E. Bishop. First 720 in the method on the bells.

TETBURY (Gloucestershire).—On November 10th, at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Cook, A. Townsend, E. Maisey, C. Cleaver, T. Cull, W. Apperley. First 120 by local ringers for a great number of years.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, November 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. J. Collins, W. Booth, O. Collins, A. R. Miles conductor, H. Brook, J. Lavender.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, November 5th, at St. Martin's church, in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Louise to open the new wing of the Leicester Infirmary, 1134 Stedman Caters. G. Cleal, L. Allen, G. Burrows, F. Dexter, J. Lancashire conductor, A. Mills, S. Cotton, J. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. And 577 Grandsire Caters, conducted by F. H. Dexter. A course of Grandsire Caters with J. L. Willars, aged 12 years.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. S. Coley, T. Collinson, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry, J. H. White, J. Smallwood. And 928 Stedman Triples. T. Collinson, J. Smallwood, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, J. H. White, G. Pestall. On Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Collinson, J. Porter, J. Porter, J. Smallwood, W. Webb, S. Grove, J. Perry conductor, A. E. Pegler, G. Rastall.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Andrews, G. Miles, T. Burgess, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Christmas Day for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Humm, G. Lancaster, J. Taylor, W. Bowell, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. Bowell.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 5th, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, F. Bankes, B. Starkey, A. D. Cullum, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Dentry. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, G. A. Taylor, B. Starkey, A. D. Cullum, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Darley.

LONDON.—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Hughes, jun., D. Gibbons, H. Langdon conductor, A. Hughes, sen., E. Wallage, E. J. Webb, S. Lawrence, G. Dorrington.

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Sunday, December 22nd, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Colchester, 720 of Bob Minor was rung before evening service. A. Andrews, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, G. Miles, W. J. Nevard conductor. After service another 720 in the same method. W. J. Nevard, G. A. Andrews conductor, the rest as before.

YORK.—On December 10th, at 16, Mirfield Road, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. L. Woodcock, 1-2; A. C. Fearnley, 3-4; T. F. Earnshaw, 5-6; T. Haigh conductor, 7-8.

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THOMAS TITCHENER.

It is with the profoundest regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 57, of this well known ringer. He was in his usual good health on the evening of December 10th, when he was seized with a paralytic stroke, and passed away on the Thursday following without regaining consciousness. He will be sadly missed from amongst us, for he was an excellent ringer, amiable in his temperament, unassuming in his manner, and respected by all, and in his capacity as sexton and steeplekeeper at St. Ann's, Highgate (which office he had held for 10 years) he was ever ready and willing to assist young ringers in their endeavours to succeed, equally happy in ringing the simplest of methods as he was accomplished in the most intricate. He was a most intimate friend of the late George Newson, and was the last ringer to visit him before he

died, under this celebrated ringer's piloting he had rang a great number of peals, and took part in three of the first twenty peals of Double Norwich ever rang. He had kept no record of his performances, but had rang peals in most all methods from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. He was also one of the Cumberland band that were endeavouring to ring the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in London, and at the attempt at St. Giles in the Fields he had the bitter experience of being the primary cause of the collapse after ringing past the 5,000th change. However his chagrin was turned to joy, for the peal was accomplished soon after upon the bells he loved so well, viz.: St. Ann's, Highgate, on June 26th, 1888, for which a stone model of a bell was inserted in the wall, and the performance inscribed thereon. Alas! but three of that band

now remain. In later years he rang fewer peals, but his enthusiasm was as keen as ever, for he was ever ready to take a rope at the last minute to oblige a band, and his very last peal, Double Norwich at St. George's in the East, was the outcome of an urgent message from his old friend H. Dains at the last moment. Thus his ringing career closed in such a way that he would have wished, by ringing his favourite method, and with the Cumberland Society, to which he was so deeply attached. The funeral service took place at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Tuesday, December 17th, and was largely attended. The Rev. A. Tanner officiated, and the service was fully choral, and as he was carried from the church to the hearse the organist played the mournful tones of the Dead March. He was interred in Highgate cemetery, and thus he fittingly rests beneath the sound of his beloved bells.

Those bells shall softly

O'er his grave more music pour.

Amongst the ringers that followed him to the grave were N. Alderman, R. Bevan, J. Barry, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, J. Baker and F. Smith. In the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rang at St. Ann's, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rang. In addition to the above ringers the following took part, E. F. Cole, W. J. Nudds, H. Ellis, H. Watson, and A. Brightman. F.S.

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BRECON.—On Sunday morning, October 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. D. H. Wood, F. Stedman, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, W. Evans, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick conductor, D. Prie. On Sunday morning, November 10th, for Divine Service, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins. D. H. Wood, S. Brooks, F. S. Wilson, S. Watkins, G. Giblin, F. Stedman, W. Evans conductor, D. Price. Rung as a compliment to Dr. G. P. Francis and Mr. Samuel Deverall,

who have just been elected Mayors of Brecon and Abergavenny respectively. For evening service 643 Grandsire Triples. D. H. Wood, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, F. Stedman, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, S. Watkins.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,290,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,444. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | £ | s. | d. | ASSETS. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|--|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| Shareholders' Capital | .. | .. | .. | 1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | British Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 3,415,976 | 13 | |
| Reserve Funds | .. | .. | .. | 2,300,000 | 0 | 0 | Indian and Colonial Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 6,156,247 | 4 | |
| Life Assurance Funds | .. | .. | .. | 60,470.43 | 4 | 1 | Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| Claims under life policies admitted | .. | .. | .. | 116,576 | 18 | 11 | and gold and sterling bonds | .. | .. | .. | 7,743,842 | 19 | |
| | | | | | | | Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates | .. | .. | .. | 14,091,357 | 12 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties | .. | .. | .. | 4,501,678 | 8 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold and leasehold property | .. | .. | .. | 3,560,244 | 13 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | 7,975,178 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Railway, Gas and Water Stocks | .. | .. | .. | 7,404,984 | 18 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | Suez Canal shares | .. | .. | .. | 163,709 | 13 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Telegraph and other shares | .. | .. | .. | 97,420 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| | | | | | | | London bonds | .. | .. | .. | 257,901 | 11 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Bank of England stock | .. | .. | .. | 202,756 | 18 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks | .. | .. | .. | 1,564,957 | 14 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Foreign Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 1,539,459 | 7 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Reversions and Life Interests | .. | .. | .. | 1,220,637 | 14 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Loans on the Company's Policies | .. | .. | .. | 2,372,768 | 10 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Rent Charges | .. | .. | .. | 278,523 | 13 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding premiums and agents' balances | .. | .. | .. | 544,207 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding interest and rents | .. | .. | .. | 515,685 | 7 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Cash—In hands of superintendents | .. | .. | .. | 35,973 | 11 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand | .. | .. | .. | 183,495 | 18 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | £63,887,008 | 3 | 0 |

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.
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J. H. LUSCOMBE } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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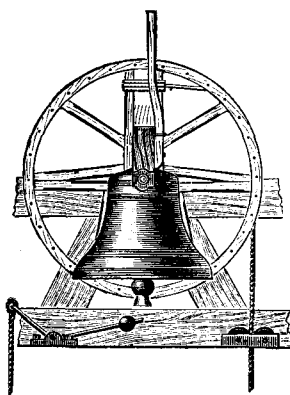
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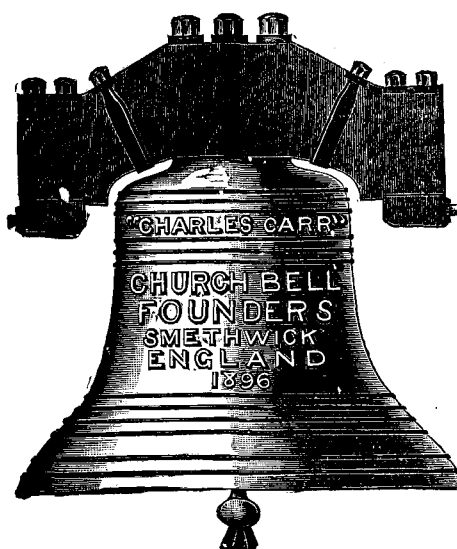
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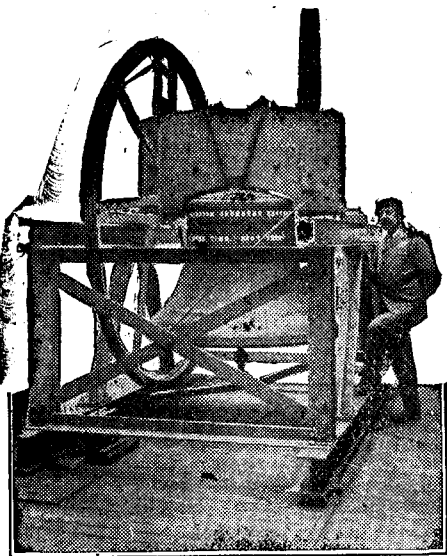
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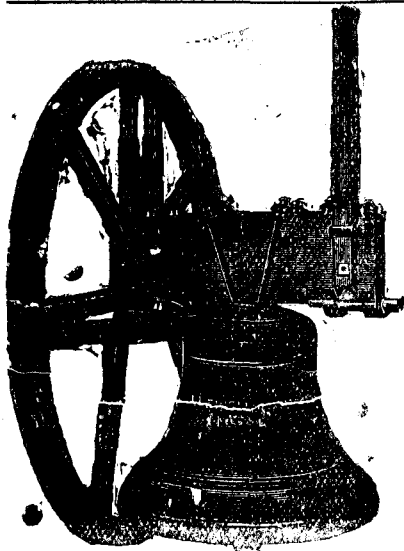
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FIFTY YEARS A BELLRINGER.

(FROM A LINCOLN PAPER.)

There is always a certain romance clinging about the personality of a bellringer. Pulling at the ropes high in the old church tower, ropes that whistle as they soar and dive through the floor of the bell-chamber above, he and his fellows send through the air a carillon of music that has ever inspired the poet and the composer. Whether it be the merry peal that gives the glad tidings of a wedding knot duly tied, the single, desultory note that tells of mourning, or the ringing that tells of an old year passed, and a new year born, the belfry sends forth a message that is distinctive and appealing, and that ever finds ready response in many hearts. Distance lends enchantment to the sound as well as to the view in many cases, probably in the case of bellringing amongst others. We have stood in one of the eastward streets of Lincoln many times and appreciated the softened tones of the bells pealing out from the church tower at Washingborough, two and a half miles away. And we have stood in a shop in Silver Street, Lincoln, with an apoplectic tradesman endeavouring to make himself heard amid the tintinnabulation of the bells in St. Peter-at-Arches church. Periodically, people write to the papers about what they term "bell nuisance," and some years ago the windows in the bell-chamber of this tower were walled up on the Silver street side so as to prevent, as far as possible, the din cannoning of the opposite walls, and reverberating distractingly through the street.

One may be forgiven for wondering sometimes whether the bells as a call to Divine Service are really needed. Of course, that is not the sole purpose for which they were intended, but it is a striking fact that one of the most consistently crowded churches in the city is one where one bell tolls a monotonous summons to service. However beautiful the sound of six or eight bells may be from a distance, the beauty of a single bell clanging incessantly at close quarters is questionable. We know one man to whom it is a terror, and makes him more melancholy than anything on earth. He has even been forced to count the number of strokes by some inner consciousness, and is prepared to swear that on a recent Sunday evening that particular bell clanged 955 times.

No bellringer in Lincoln and district is better known than Mr. William Robert Stiles, the master ringer of the Lincoln Cathedral bells. A few evenings ago Mr. Stiles was entertained to a dinner at the old White Hart hotel in recognition of his jubilee as a ringer. For fifty years he has been concerned with ringers and ringing in Lincoln, though not a native of our city. He was born, as a matter of fact, at South Collingham, and on January 11th will celebrate his sixty-seventh birthday, so that he began to learn the art of the bell rope quite as a lad. Actually when he started Mr. Stiles is not certain—whether it was about the end of 1856 or the beginning of 1857—but taking even the latter, he is now well on towards the completion of his fifty-first year in that capacity. It would be of considerable interest, no doubt, to compile the amount of

weight he has pulled in that time; it must amount, of course, to many thousands of tons, because he himself computes that one man will pull a weight of a ton or twenty-five hundredweight at one pull. And in fifty years, ringing the bells twice every Sunday, in addition to other occasions, one man pulls one rope a good many times.

To Mr. Henry Maidens we are indebted for an interesting compilation of Mr. Stiles' campanological work. From this we learn that in the fifty years Mr. Stiles has climbed the belfry steps in St. Hugh's tower so often that the total is equal to 975,000 stairs, and there is every hope that he will complete the million. Ringing during the episcopate of three Bishops, Mr. Stiles has rung on 160 occasions for the reigning monarch. He has rung at the installation of seven Deans, five Precentors, five Chancellors, four sub-deans and two Archdeacons.

Mr. Stiles was a member of a company of nine ringers, with three supernumeraries, who followed the old city ringers. Of these nine only three are known for certain to be living. One, of course, is Mr. Stiles himself, another is Mr. W. H. Lilburn, of the Above Hill Post Office, and the third is Mr. Edward Mitchell, who resides at Arnold, near Nottingham. A fourth member was a Mr. Robert Tong, who, when Mr. Stiles last heard of him, was in America. He may still be living, though six or seven years older than the master ringer. The old ringers had twelve handbells, and the famous Black Jack, of which more hereafter.

For thirty years Mr. Stiles has been the master ringer in Lincoln Cathedral, following Mr. Robert Thistlewood, a Market Rasen man, though carrying on the business of a shoemaker in Lincoln, who has been dead more than twenty years. It will be of interest to note that the last piece the old company of ringers played was one of thanksgiving for the close of the Crimean War. The new company for some time rang the bells of the Cathedral and of St. Peter-at-Arches church. At the Cathedral they rang for the ten o'clock service, and then, making their way down hill, rang for that at the city church at eleven, a fairly hard working couple of hours, it will be agreed. In the evening there was, of course, no service at the Cathedral in those days, and they rang at St. Peter's only.

This the ringers did, summer and winter, for sixteen years, at the end of which time they gave up St. Peter's, and have since worked at the Cathedral only, another company being formed.

Yet there is a break in the fifty years ringing of those Cathedral bells. It became necessary to effect certain structural alterations in St. Hugh's tower—that, of course, to the south of the west front, and the bells were accordingly transferred to the Swineherd or north-west tower, where they hung for nearly three years.

There is a certain scale of fines in vogue among these ringers. For instance, if a ringer fails to attend, he is fined sixpence. If he is late he is also liable to a fine, and there are penalties for other offences in addition. These fines help to provide the ringers with an outing during the year, "And," says Mr. Stiles, "there are two if they

run to it." It might be supposed that having rung the bells for over fifty years, including the ringing of fifty old years out and new years in, there would be something especially interesting to record—some event of special hap or note. If there is Mr. Stiles does not recollect it. He says that in all that time the ringing has gone on without let or hindrance, without untoward event, and with no special incident or accident concerning the actual work in the belfry. It is of interest to know Mr. Stiles' employer, Mr. M. Otter, is an honorary member of the Cathedral Company, and that he was himself a ringer for fifteen years.

BLACK JACK'S CENTENARY.

Any ringer in Lincoln will tell you a good deal about Black Jack, that old leather vessel of generous capacity which the ringers were wont to fill on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve—and to empty. Many a gallon of foaming ale has been quaffed from this Jack, and many a toast has given excuse to pass it round amongst the company at the Black Boy Inn in days gone by. The Jack was the gift of Alderman Bullen, of Bunker's Hill, in the year 1782, and in the year 1882 the centenary of the gift was kept up right merrily with Mr. Matthew Otter in the chair. How many times it was filled and emptied amongst the large gathering that night is not told, but it was honoured royally! Now-a-days the Black Jack has passed out of the possession of the ringers, and is in private hands. The old handbells also have passed away from their former ownership.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Luton on Saturday, January 4th. There was a fair attendance of members of the Association. Short touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The members present had tea at Franklin's restaurant at five o'clock.

ST. MICHAEL'S, SANDHURST, BERKS.

During 1907 120 complete 720s were rung at the above church (all but four of them were rung by the St. Michael's band) in the following methods: Bob Minor 76; Grandsire Minor 22; Kent Treble Bob 12; Oxford Treble Bob 10. Seventy-five of them were rung for services.

The following members took part: J. Moth 118; A. Payne 110; C. Doe 109; H. Watts 90; J. Pitts 78; L. Goswell 61; A. Prior 57; M. Goddard 45; A. Wooderson 27; F. Sparks 19; E. Smart 2; B. Whiteside 2; W. Horne 1. The last three were visitors. The conducting was shared by J. Moth 74; A. Payne 43; C. Doe 1; M. Goddard 1; W. Horne 1.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Horley Branch of the Sussex County Association, in accordance with the old time custom, held their annual supper at The Six Bells inn, on New Year's day. The repast was served in first class style by host Huey and thoroughly enjoyed by the company; among the company present were the Rev. R. P. E. Cheeseman, M.A., who took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar; Messrs. W. B. Wood, junr. in the vice-chair, A. Songhurst, Hon. Secretary, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward, P. and A. Etheridge, S. Lanaway, C. Osborn, T. Edwards, T. Martin, E. Wakefield,

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. W. B. Wood, junr. proposed the toast of "The Clergy," and said how much they all regretted the absence of the Vicar. They were all glad however to welcome their chairman amongst them, for although he had only been in the parish a short time his genial manner had enabled him to make many friends.

The chairman, who was received with applause, said the success of the work of the church depended very largely upon the young men gathering around her. He then proposed "The Horley Bellringers," and in doing so he referred to the ancient origin of church bells, and the part they played in the service of the Church for many centuries. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Songhurst. Mr. Songhurst, in response, thanked the donors by whose generosity they were enabled to have their supper that evening. He was pleased to see so many old faces among the company, and hoped they would have many similar gatherings in the future. With regard to the ringing for services on Sundays he did not think there were many towers where the members attended regularly throughout the year.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by Mr. Songhurst, and responded to by Mr. T. Martin in a happy speech.

Mr. W. B. Wood submitted "The Health" of the Chairman in eulogistic terms.

The chairman, in replying, said that was the first gathering he had presided over at Horley, and it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be present.

During the evening mention was made of the absence through illness of Mr. Edwards, foreman of the bellringers, and a resolution of regret was passed unanimously.

The rest of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing, songs and speeches. Plenty of talent was forthcoming to keep the ball rolling right through the evening, which was enjoyed by all.

On Friday, December 27th, the ringers of St. Giles's Church, Stoney Stratford, Bucks., were kindly entertained by the Rev. G. M. Capel, of Passenham Rectory, Northants., to commemorate the rehanging of the fine peal of five bells by Messrs. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. The company sat down to a substantial supper provided by the Rector, to which full justice was done. After supper the Rector in a few well-chosen words expressed his gratitude to the company for so willingly proffering their services to that very ancient church. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the contributors being: Rev. G. M. Capel, Misses Capel, E. Yates, A. Giles, A. Clark, J. Clark, C. Hopkins, Roddis. This brought a very pleasant evening to a close, and the ringers expressed their thanks to the Rector and family for their kindness in entertaining them in so pleasant a manner. After singing Auld lang syne and God save the King the company dispersed.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER.—R. J. Dawe's 250 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 35, conducted 2; Caters 10; Stedman Triples 41; Caters 7; Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Major 30, conducted 1; Royal 2; Kent Major 23; Royal 5; Oxford Major 2; Double Norwich Major 18; Royal 1; Superlative Surprise 27; Cambridge 13; London 20; Bristol 3; New Cumberland 4; Gloucester 1; Oxford 2; Westminster 3; Norfolk 2. Total—250. Rang in 64 towers, including the whole of the eight-bell towers in Sussex (excepting St. Clement's, Hastings, which are considered unpealable), which number 40, and two peals of ten.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on January 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 9th and 23rd; St. John, South Hackney, on January 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 14th and 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on January 14th, when important business will be brought forward. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—In accordance with rule xvii a special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The usual practice will not take place at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the society's headquarters, The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, on Monday, January 20th, after the usual practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

The Heavy Woollen District Society.—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 11th. Meeting-house—The Little Saddle inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Members are requested to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30., at 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's church, Chorley, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 3.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tnnstall today, Sat., January 11th. Tea at 5.30. Service at Christ Church at 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. The annual reports will also be issued.

REV. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton today, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fulham Market on Thursday, January 16th. The bells at Fulham St. Mary and Starston will also be available. Dinner at 1.30 at The Falcon. Notice to be sent to the Secretary by January 13th.

C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at the parish church, Darlaston, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from two o'clock, and during the evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting and tea will be held in the Girls' Institute opposite the Town Hall. Tea, 1s. per head for all those sending their names not later than the 13th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Brighouse on Saturday, January 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 13th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Middleton, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, January 18th. The bells of St. Mary's church (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. The committee meeting will be held in a large private room at The Coach and Horses inn at 4 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. each person in the club-room at 5, followed by General Meeting. Members and friends who intend being present at tea must notify the undersigned at the address given not later than Wednesday, January 15th.

For W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

72, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Will those in Nottingham and districts kindly notify me if wishing to be present not later than January 14th.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is very important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is directed to Rule No. 5.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3,

Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. Circulars will be issued on or about January 8th.

JNO. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 25th, from 3 till 8. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those wishing to be present notify Mr. B. Baker, 11, Little Hallam, Ilkeston, not later than the 23rd.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 25th. Full particulars will be announced next week.

W. H. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 25th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and if a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the Hon. Sec. will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1908 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in sixths place without the 2nd or 3rd being there. This plan of calling the twelve courses with the 6th at home, was first produced by the author to a peal in this method in 1887.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—A. E. Pegler has removed from 54, Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, to 25, Belmont Street, Easton Road, Bangor, North Wales.

Obituary.

HENRY CHANDLER SWAIN.

The London Exercise would appear to be behind their provincial confreres in testifying through the paper to the worth of their departed brethren. The decease of the above ringer—one of nature's nobility—has been but barely announced to us. Several other notable London men have been allowed to join the majority without a word of regret, or an obituary notice of any sort. A year had passed before we heard of the demise of a very old friend who was for years a prominent official of the College Youths. We allude to the late George Musket—a man of sterling worth and ability; who was known all over the country, and very highly respected by all who knew him. We draw attention to such apparent neglect of our illustrious departed in the hope that those concerned may not allow such laxity in these things in future. All the information sent to us about the decease of the ringer whose name heads this column, was that his interment would take place on the 1st inst.

Henry Swain was a native of Painswick. He was one of those young masons who were taught their profession, as well as the art of ringing, by the celebrated William Estcourt, of that place. The number of his pupils is now getting smaller by degrees, for so far as we know only two remain, viz.: Mr. F. Musty (of Cheltenham), and Mr. W. H. Morris (of Worcester). The father of the last named was one of the old Painswick company. Like many other Painswick men Swain left his native village in search of work. He first went to Worcester, where he resided for a few months, constantly meeting the somewhat un-cohesive ringing company of that city. In him was seen a strange feature. A splendid Stedman ringer on the higher numbers, he could not ring Grandsire, so that when this method was rung his place was at the treble. Naturally this was only for a short time, for he was a man who picked up everything quickly in the way of ringing. Soon he made his appearance in London, and joining the Cumberlands, he quickly was looked upon as an excellent ringer, and one who never made a mistake. His quiet and gentlemanly demeanour made him a universal favorite with his fellow-men, ringers and others. A photograph with short memoir of him appeared in this paper some years ago.

Men like Harry Swain are unfortunately too seldom met with in the Exercise. He would have regarded the latter-day controversies with abhorrence, though he was not always quite silent when discussion or argument were going on. He had a great love for what was right, honest, and true, and when he referred to any question it was without the slightest acerbity. The Cumberlands will deplore his loss, for he was a character which could be ill spared. He had not an enemy in the world, but hosts of friends who respected, and had a great affection, for him. *Requiescat in pace.*

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—With your permission I should like a small space for a few words concerning the Marden (Kent) bells. For some years these bells have been in a very bad condition. They are a ring of six, four of which are cracked, tenor about 18 cwt., and now the frame and fittings are in such a state as to make them unsafe for ringing. Through the frame being in such a dilapidated state, cracks have appeared in the tower walls, and until the

tower is strengthened and a new frame put in for the bells, and bells recast and rehung, no more ringing can be done. The sum of £500 is needed to carry out the work, £200 for the tower and £300 for the bells. It is proposed to make the frame for eight bells so that two trebles can be added at any future time. Our parish is a poor one, and has been canvassed thoroughly for subscriptions. We have, I think, £300 in hand and promised for the purpose. The remaining £200 will be a very difficult matter to raise in a parish like Marden. If this should meet the eye of any sympathetic readers and members of the Exercise who would like to assist in the work of restoration, any subscriptions would be greatly received by F. SHARP, Secretary of the local ringers and one of the restoration committee, 1, Grove Villas, Marden, Kent.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. May's query, the lead published by me is most certainly "London Royal." G. LINDOFF.

THE WOOTTON WAWEN DISAPPOINTMENT.

SIR,—As an humble admirer of "Plain Speaker's" small articles in "THE BELL NEWS," allow me to say how strongly I agree with his remarks about affairs at Wootton Wawen. It should really not rest. The mention of the new Warwickshire Association induces me to point out what a good opening for that Association to send a deputation there to wait upon the authorities, and persuade them to take up the business again. The deputation could comprise the officers of the Association, with Messrs. Martineau (of Solihull) and George of Rugby, and some other well-known ringers. J. JONES.

TWO NOTABLE CLERICS.

During the past few days two Anglican clergymen have passed away who were, in widely different ways, very remarkable personalities. Prebendary Berdmore Compton, who has just died at an advanced age, was almost forgotten, because, on succeeding to the Atherstone property he had practically become a country squire. But he was a prominent figure in the religious life of London during the palmy days of All Saints, Margaret Street, when many distinguished personages, including Queen Alexandra, were members of his congregation.

The Rev. Edward Husband, Vicar of St. Michael's, Folkestone, whose sudden death is reported, will be much missed by Lond on cyclists, with whom his periodical "Cyclists' Church Parades" were very popular. He was a man of many gifts, idolised by the local working classes, and would have attained high preferment but for the crime of being, like his friend, Mr. Russell Wakefield, of Marylebone, an impenitent Liberal.

No confidence will now be violated by stating that Mr. Husband was the musical editor of the "Office Hymn Book," which has lately been introduced into several leading churches in London.—*Daily News.*

MERTON.—On Saturday, November 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. D. Drewitt, A. J. White, G. Edser, C. J. North, A. Culver, J. A. Lambert conductor.

EPSOM.—On Sunday, 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. Kendall, T. Goff, A. Mann, E. Fisher, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, F. Thompson.

SOUTHGATE.—On Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. S. Wade, W. Pickworth, P. J. Stokes, J. E. Miller, H. Sear, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, A. G. Crane. Rang after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 3rd, the Leintwardine branch of the above rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Short conductor, J. Evans, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler. 120 of the same with C. L. Sadler, J. Evans, L. Williams, J. Newman, W. Short conductor. Several 24's with T. Staines and W. Dimmer.

EARDISLAND.—On Sunday, November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. T. Staines, W. Short conductor, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler, J. Evans. 360 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

KINGSLAND.—On Sunday, November 3rd, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Staines, C. L. Sadler, L. Williams, J. Newman, W. Short conductor, J. Evans. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Staines, W. Short conductor, L. Williams, J. Newman, J. Evans C. L. Sadler. This is believed to be the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Wednesday, October 23rd, 240 Grandsire Doubles. T. Staines, C. L. Sadler conductor, L. Williams, J. Newman, J. Evans, S. Roberts. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Gough, of Garston, Lancashire.

CLIFFORD.—On Wednesday, November 6th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. Rev. T. W. W. Trumper, L. Griffiths, W. Griffiths, J. Hammond, W. Short conductor, J. Hyatt. And 120. W. Short, A. Griffiths, W. Griffiths, L. Griffiths conductor, J. Hyatt, A. Harrison.

NORTON CANON.—On Friday, November 8th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. J. Pember, Miss M. Marshall, D. Marshall, W. Short conductor, J. Ward. Also 240. J. Pember, Miss M. Marshall, D. Marshall, P. Maddy, J. Ward conductor.

WEOBLEY.—On Saturday, November 9th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Burton, J. Brisland, W. Short conductor, G. Davies, C. Davies, F. Lewis. Also 240. W. Short conductor, T. Price, W. Hughes, J. Hammond, C. Davies, F. Lewis. 240 in the same method. G. Burton, D. Marshall, W. Short conductor, J. Hammond, F. Lewis, T. Price.

PENCOMBE.—On Monday, November 11th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, W. Clements conductor, H. Jones, B. Jones S. Clements, C. Moss. 480 of the same. F. Jones, W. Clements, conductor, H. Jones, C. Jones, S. Clements, E. Powell. And 240 of the same. W. Short conductor, W. Clements, H. Jones, B. Jones, S. Clements, E. Powell. All the above touches were rung during the visit of the Guild Instructor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 1st, for the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Skuse, J. J. Parker, H. Battin, F. Reid, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, J. Bovington.

READING.—On Wednesday, December 25th, at St. Giles's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Harding, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor, E. Hughes, W. Dormer. On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Durman, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor, G. Goodship, E. Hughes, A. Harding. At midnight 504 in the same method. Rev. W. S. Mahony, A. Harding, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, A. W. Osborne, G. Goodship, E. Hughes conductor, A. Durman. Rung with the bells fully muffled with the exception of the tenor, which was half-muffled, to ring out the old year. With the bells open, to ring in the new year, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. Burgess, E. Hughes, G. Goodship conductor, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne, W. Dormer. On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Harding, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor, G. Goodship, E. Haines, W. Dormer.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.—On January 1st, to welcome in the new year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Evans, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, A. E. Coles, A. Burn, C. Tottle, A. O. Major, E. C. Sweet conductor, G. Shepherd.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On November 9th, at the parish church, in honour of the King's birthday, two courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, W. Lomas conductor, A. Brearley, J. Atkin, J. Mulligan, H. Bower, J. Rew, T. Woodward, S. Seed, W. Burgar, J. Holman. And 672 London Surprise. H. Bower, J. Atkin, W. Lomas conductor, A. Brearley, W. Burgar, J. Thorpe, J. Holman, S. F. Palmer. On Sunday, November 10th, four courses of Stedman Cinques. H. Bower, J. Thorpe, W. Lomas, J. Mulligan, W. F. Williams, C. H. Hattersley conductor, A. Brearley, J. Rew, E. Woodward, S. Palmer, W. Burgar, J. Holman.

GARGRAVE-IN-CRAVEN.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1280 changes, in 46 mins. J. Langstroth, W. H. Birtwhistle, J. Lofthouse, H. Birtwhistle, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, J. Wane, J. McKell conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. H. Birtwhistle, the respected Secretary of the company, who was leaving Gargrave on the following day to take up a business appointment, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Hobson, F. C. Charles, W. Freestone, A. E. Morgan, T. Hopton, J. Prickett, J. W. Jones conductor, W. Arnold.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, 720 each of Carlisle, London, and York Surprise. G. Dawson, W. H. Doran, S. Hayes, H. Torble, G. Hayden, W. Miller, J. Moule conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On November 9th, at St. Michael's church, in honour of the King's birthday, 1278 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. E. Etheridge, H. Ling, C. E. Parnell, A. Cornish, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, E. Lincoln, W. Spalding, G. E. Symonds composer and conductor, R. Freestone.

THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Gardner, C. Carter, H. B. Kindersley, J. Vanstone, E. Barter, J. Moss, F. Davey conductor, W. G. Hoskins.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Lilley conductor, J. Hare, W. Sharpe, A. Daniels, C. A. Pratt, J. Blott, A. Pratt, T. Sharpe.

FYLINGDALES (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 3rd, at St. Stephen's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Newton, Rev. J. A. de Den Denne, J. W. Lowther, J. W. Wilkinson, R. Duck, G. F. Alexander conductor. On Sunday, November 10th, 840 Bob Triples. G. Welburn, G. F. Alexander conductor, Rev. J. A. de Den Denne, M. Thompson, J. W. Lowther, J. W. Wilkinson, R. Duck, T. Tindale. At the weekly practice, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. Rev. J. A. de Den Denne, 1-2; J. W. W. Wilkinson, 3-4; G. F. Alexander, 5-6; R. Duck, 7-8; J. W. Lowther, 9-10.

HEMINGBROUGH (Yorks).—On November 7th, 720 College Single. G. Terry, W. H. Laycock, G. Lee, M. Tune, F. W. Stokes conductor, Rev. W. P. Wright. First 720 in the method by the first four ringers. First in the method on the bells.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| BERT MILLER Treble. | WM. WEATHERSTONE .. 5. |
| FREDE. WM. RICHARDSON .. 2. | † ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 6. |
| JOSEPH LAW 3. | WM. J. JEFFRIES .. 7. |
| HERBERT E. WHITE .. 4. | † ALBERT E. GODDARD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WM. J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method, and was elected a member previous to starting. Rung on the thirty-third anniversary of the opening of the bells.

The Provinces.**DARLEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(DARLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| T. A. GREGORY Treble. | W. TAYLOR 5. |
| HUGH GREGORY 2. | HENRY GREGORY 6. |
| P. B. WRIGHT 3. | J. SIDDALL 7. |
| F. TRAVIS 4. | J. W. DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by HUGH GREGORY.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.*On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| REYS M. HAWES Treble. | RALPH BIGGS 5. |
| HARRY STRATFORD 2. | FRANK BOREHAM 6. |
| ARTHUR G. JAMES 3. | JOHN EVANS 7. |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 4. | JOSEPH EVANS Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This peal was a midnight one, and was finished on the 25th, F. Boreham's birthday, the others wishing him many happy returns.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble. | GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5. |
| ERNEST E. LANHAM 2. | JOHN J. CREASY 6. |
| GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3. | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7. |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4. | JAMES G. RUMSEY .. Tenor. |

Composed by W. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble. | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5. |
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| THOMAS RICKETTS 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 4. | ALFRED W. HARRINGTON Tenor. |

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble. | WILLIAM ROOPE 5. |
| CHARLES BAKER 2. | HENRY ADCOCK 6. |
| FREDERICK ROOPE 3. | *ERNEST WHITING .. 7. |
| ROBERT WHITING 4. | EGBERT BORRETT .. Tenor. |

Composed by T. FARROW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6. |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT 2. | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7. |
| JOHN HOLMAN 3. | ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 8. |
| SAM THOMAS 4. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 9. |
| WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 5. | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

This is the conductor's 200th peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR HOLMES .. Treble. | JOHN FLINT 5. |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2. | GEORGE HOLLIS 6. |
| JESSE J. MOSS 3. | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7. |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 4. | WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| ALBERT GILBERT .. Treble. | ROBERT WILKERSON .. 4. |
| WILLIAM L. DARLOW .. 2. | ROBERT G. KING .. 5. |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 3. | ERNEST BONNETT .. Tenor. |

Conducted by ERNEST BONNETT.

First peal as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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| ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble. | WILLIAM C. HART 6. |
| EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 2. | ROBERT J. DAWE 7. |
| ALBERT D. STONE 3. | BENJAMIN HOBBS 8. |
| WILLIAM PALMER 4. | ALFRED J. TURNER .. 9. |
| HARRY STALHAM 5. | KEITH HART Tenor. |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Royal on the bells. This is R. J. Dawe's 250th peal a list of which appears elsewhere.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

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| DENNIS MALLET Treble. | WALTER T. WILSON .. 4. |
| FRANK ANDREWS 2. | GEORGE BLAXLEY 5. |
| MADRICE E. ATKINS 3. | EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

First peal by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells by local men.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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| SIDNEY J. PECK Treble. | *CHARLES A. PRATT 4. |
| GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2. | HERBERT FIELDS 5. |
| JOHN HARE 3. | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor. |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in seven methods.

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On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| CHARLES CLEAVER* Treble. | WALTER APPERLEY 4. |
| GEORGE TOWNSEND* 2. | †ALFRED TOWNSEND 5. |
| THOMAS CULL* 3. | *JOSEPH CLEAVER Tenor. |

Conducted by WALTER APPERLEY.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The band were all born in Tetbury with the exception of the conductor.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble. | ERNEST S. BAILEY 5. |
| ALBERT E. SEERS 2. | JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6. |
| CHARLES J. GARDINER 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7. |
| THOMAS RICKETTS 4. | ALFRED W. HARRINGTON Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| CHARLES SAMSON Treble. | ERNST S. BAILEY 5. |
| GEORGE BERRY 2. | EDGAR H. BAILEY 6. |
| NORMAN R. BAILEY 3. | GORDON F. THOMPSON 7. |
| WILLIAM DREW 4. | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble. | ARTHUR ROOPE 5. |
| HARRY J. BORRETT 2. | CHARLES ROOPE 6. |
| EGBERT BORRETT 3. | WILLIAM ROOPE 7. |
| FREDERICK BORRETT 4. | FREDERICK J. ROOPE .. Tenor. |

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

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On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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| HARRY BURDOCK Treble. | HERBERT J. ELLIS 5. |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 2. | THOMAS ATTWELL 6. |
| JOSEPH GOACHER† 3. | ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 7. |
| THOMAS MACK 4. | THOMAS BURDOCK Tenor. |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

†First peal with a bob bell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble. | WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 5. |
| JOSEPH PIGOTT 2. | GORDON CHECKETTS 6. |
| JOHN BASS 3. | WILLIAM SHORT 7. |
| WILLIAM FISHER 4. | MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor. |

Conducted by W. SHORT.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| GORDON CHECKETTS Treble. | ALERN DAVIES 5. |
| WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 2. | WILLIAM FISHER 6. |
| JOHN BASS 3. | JOSEPH PIGOTT 7. |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 4. | WILLIAM SHORT Tenor. |

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble. | *THOMAS RILEY 5. |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT 2. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6. |
| JESSE MOSS 3. | GEORGE W. MOSS 7. |
| HARRY MOSS 4. | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor. |

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On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in D flat.

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| ERNEST BISHOP Treble. | CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5. |
| L. A. WILSON 2. | THOMAS RICKETTS .. 6. |
| THOMAS ROBINSON 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 4. | JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First single-handed peal on these beautiful bells, which have been put in good order by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

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| HENRY F. COOPER Treble. | *GEORGE GREEN 5. |
| HENRY W. KIRTON 2. | THOMAS LINCOLN 6. |
| HARRY RICHELL* 3. | BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 7. |
| HENRY HEAD 4. | ARTHUR EDWARDS Tenor. |

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

For figures see "THE BELL NEWS" November 30th, 1907. *First peal in the method. Arranged for H. Kirton, of Bury, Lancashire.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| JOHN M. BUTTON Treble. | EDGAR H. BAILEY 5. |
| NORMAN R. BAILEY 2. | CHARLES SAMSON 6. |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3. | JAMES MOTTS 7. |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 4. | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor. |

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WYE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble. | ERNEST CHEESMAN 5. |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2. | CHARLES W. PLAYER 6. |
| CHARLES TRIBE 3. | ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7. |
| EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4. | GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor. |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEO. ED. ROLLERSON .. Treble. | GEO. HY. HARGREAVES .. 5. |
| THOMAS COLLINGE 2. | HERBERT H. SHAW 6. |
| ERNEST TAYLOR 3. | JAMES ROLLERSON 7. |
| THOMAS ROLLERSON 4. | ALEX. RIDEOUGH Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first of Kent by all except he 4th and 7th. First peal in the method by a local band.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble. | ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 4. |
| CHARLES PRICE 2. | WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5. |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3. | JOHN HAMMOND Tenor. |

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

Rung as a compliment to Captain D. Hughes Morgan, of Tregunter, for his kind generosity to the parishioners of Talgarth.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. Treble. | GEORGE McHALE 5. |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 2. | WALTER WOOD 6. |
| MARK MELIA* 3. | *HENRY LINDSAY 7. |
| WILLIAM O. TALBOT 4. | DAVID YORKE Tenor. |

Conducted by PERCY JOHNSON.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

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| GORDON CHECRETIS .. Treble. | WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 5. |
| WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2. | WILLIAM FISHER 6. |
| ALFRED DAVIES 3. | WILLIAM SHORT 7. |
| JOHN BASS 4. | ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by the above Guild, and on the bells.

LLANGOLLEN, WALES.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| JACK ALLEN† Treble. | *C. E. WILLIAMS 5. |
| JAS. DAVIES 2. | THOMAS DAVIES 9. |
| THOMAS JAMES 3. | JNO. W. DAVIES 7. |
| JNO. W. BAILEY 4. | D. R. WHITE Tenor. |

Conducted by JNO. W. DAVIES.

†First peal *First with a bob bell.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

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| FREDERICK POUNDS .. Treble. | †JOHN RICHARDS 5. |
| REV. CYRIL JENKYN 2. | HARRY BROOKS 6. |
| ALBERT BROOKS 3. | JOHN MONK 7. |
| REV. E. V. COX 4. | JESSE BROOKS Tenor. |

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. COX.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung by the Rev. C. Jenkyn after his recovery from an operation for appendicitis on August 27th.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| BERTIE O. SODEN Treble. | TOM HAYNES 5. |
| JOHN MACKAY 2. | JOHN METHERRILL 6. |
| ALFRED DEACON 3. | TOM TEBBUTT 7. |
| HERBERT RAINBOW 4. | *WALTER A. GAMMAGE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Alice Mayes, only daughter of Mr. T. R. Mayes, to Mr. John R. Hiron.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK,

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM MOTTS Treble. | ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5. |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PHARSON .. 2. | LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6. |
| WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3. | JAMES MOTTS 7. |
| EDGAR PEMBERTON 4. | WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Tenor. |

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing tour by members of the Caythorpe and District Branch of the North Lincolnshire Guild.

BECKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, December 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 13 cwt.

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| ARCHIE C. STOKES* Treble. | GEORGE SCOTT 4. |
| J. P. PALEY, SEN.† 2. | JOHN CRAGG 5. |
| P. J. STOKES 3. | J. P. PALEY, JUN. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN CRAGG.

†First peal of Minor. *First peal.

BARKSTONE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble | JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. 4. |
| PERCIVAL J. STOKES 2. | ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 5. |
| GEORGE SCOTT 3. | JOHN CRAGG Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN CRAGG.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble. | JOHN CRAGG 4. |
| PERCIVAL J. STOKES 2. | FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5. |
| GEORGE SCOTT 3. | JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. Treble. | ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 4. |
| GEORGE SCOTT 2. | FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5. |
| PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 3. | JOHN CRAGG Tenor. |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

Handbell Peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

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| ALBERT NASH 1-2. | CLEMENT GLENN 5-6. |
| GEORGE LEWIS 3-4. | WALTER COATES 7-8. |
| WALTER ALLWOOD 9-10. | |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—J. W. J. Cottam. First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells by all the band.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, November 9th, 504 Grand-sire Triples. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins conductor, J. Elcombe, R. White, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker. 784 Bob Major, standing as before. 672 in the same method. T. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, T. Cole, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor. And 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. White. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRATHAY.—On Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, and Cambridge Surprise. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Robinson, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. On Sunday, November 10th, two 720s of Plain Bob. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, B. Hawkrigg, T. Satterthwaite. On Monday, November 11th, for practice, 720 Kent. W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, J. Holme, C. Webb, R. Satterthwaite, J. Backhouse conductor. 720 Violet. R. Satterthwaite conductor, W. Nevinson, H. Thompson, J. Holme, F. Woodend, W. Robinson. 720 Oxford. R. Satterthwaite conductor, W. Nevinson, H. Thompson, J. Holme, C. Webb, W. Robinson. 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Robinson, J. Holme, F. Woodend, R. Satterthwaite.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, November 10th, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. J. North, G. Huggett, R. J. Dunk, W. H. Joiner, C. F. Johnston, L. Attwater, W. S. Smith conductor, G. Barrington. On Wednesday, November 13th, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Kingston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Goldsmith, G. Barrington, H. Pates, W. T. Meads, C. J. North, L. Attwater, R. Blanchard conductor, C. Wallace. On Sunday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. G. Barrington, S. Greenwood, R. J. Dunk conductor, G. Huggett, L. Attwater, C. J. North, R. Blanchard, S. Gardiner.

Other touches will be found on page 509.

CHANGE RINGERS' FESTIVITY.

On Thursday, December 26th, 1907, the Whitwick Parish Church Society of Change-Ringers, with a few friends interested in this instructive branch of church work, enjoyed a capital evening at The Hastings Arms, Whitwick, about 30 being present to participate in a first-rate Xmas spread and social. The President of the Society, the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, Vicar of Whitwick, was in the chair, supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. J. Henson and I. Foster. After the well provided changes of the repast had been ably attended to, the Chairman proposed the loyal toasts. The toast of the "Whitwick Parish Church Society of Change Ringers" was given by Mr. Churchwarden Foster, and responded to by Mr. Storer West, the energetic Secretary of the Society, who gave an excellent review of the methods of work performed

by the members, congratulating them on their satisfactory attendance at practice and service ringing, also acknowledging the pleasure it was that so many young Churchmen were willing to be connected with the Society. These remarks were fully endorsed by Mr. Partridge, a warm supporter of change ringing. The toast of the "Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Storer West, and replied to by Mr. H. G. W. Howe, who thanked Mr. West for the kind references he had made respecting his former services to the subject of change ringing. Mr. Howe expressed the pleasure it gave him to have the opportunity of being present, and reminded them of the happy day spent at Whitwick on the occasion of the dedication of their increased peal from four to eight bells, when the ringing was entrusted to the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church Society, of which he had had the privilege of being

one of the founders. Mr. Foster, in terms which were thoroughly appreciated, proposed the health of their Vicar and President. The Vicar, in reply, stated how much he valued their services on behalf of the Church, and wished them every encouragement in the duty they had undertaken, and also wished to acknowledge the services of Mr. Storer West, the Hon. Secretary. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, were complimented on their splendid catering, and this, with the singing of the National Anthem, concluded a most convivial gathering. Harmony was ably provided by Messrs. G. West, J. Pegg, J. Henson, I. Foster, W. Fern, A. Fern, Haynes, A. Cresswell, I. Rawson.

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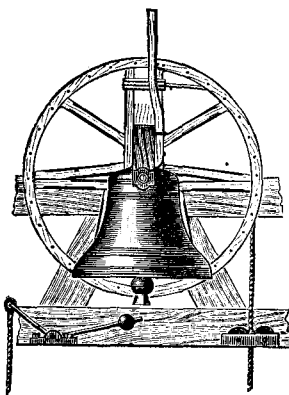
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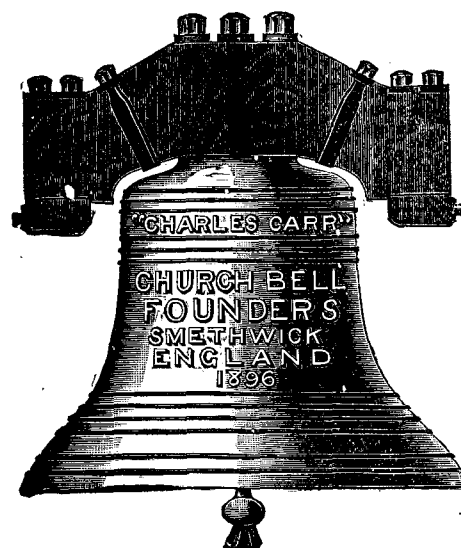
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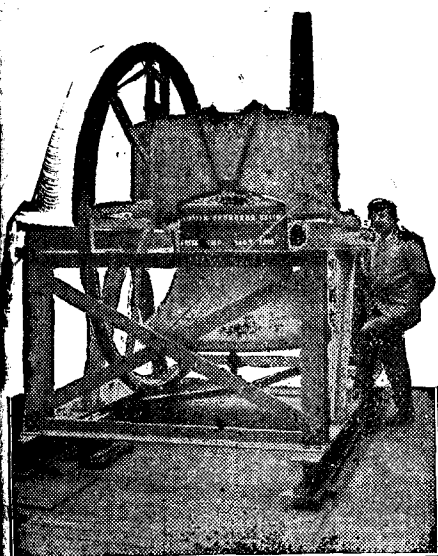
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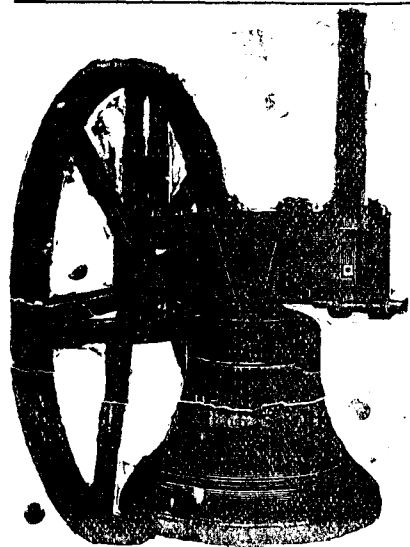
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HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth Society took place on Wednesday last, the members, prior to business, being invited to dinner by their President, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean. This was served at the Swan Hotel, by Host Kent, and at half-past seven the company sat down to an excellent repast. The chair was occupied by the Rector, who was faced in the vice-chair by Mr. Jas. Howard (treasurer), and supported by Miss M. Upcher, Miss R. Stanford, Mr. F. C. Lambert (secretary) and Mr. W. Baker (assistant secretary). At the business meeting which followed, the secretary read his report, showing that members of the company had taken part in two peals of 5040 changes during the past year, one at Rumburgh (in which Miss Stanford assisted) and the other at Bramfield. The ringing for Sunday services had been maintained and their membership remained the same.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. Howard) read out a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand. The above officers were all re-elected, with thanks for past services. The President addressed the company, and expressed the pleasure he had in meeting them on this occasion, and hearing such excellent reports from the officers. It was decided to have a summer outing in the coming year, at which it was hoped all would be able to attend. The health of the lady members was cordially drunk, and several songs were sung. The meeting closed at 11 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the President for his attendance and kind entertainment.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

PRESENTATION OF NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

On Tuesday evening, January 7th, 1908, this being the St. Mary-le-Tower Society's annual meeting-night, after the usual weekly practice at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the members adjourned to St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, where they had the pleasure of inspecting a new box containing a new set of handbells, presented after ringing Holt's ten part peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Peter's, Henley, as a new year's gift to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, by the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Henley. The handbells were duly opened and the majority of the members rang various methods upon them. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank their most generous benefactor for this most tangible New Year's gift.

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The Hereford Cathedral [company of ringers on New Year's Day attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Cathedral bells, but abandoned the task after 40 minutes' work, and adjourned to St. Nicholas' church, where they rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. At six o'clock they assembled round the festive board at The Hop Pole hotel on the occasion of their annual dinner, which was excellently served by Host and Hostess Adkins. Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild, presided, others present including Messrs. T. Lewis, J. J. Jones, R. Powell, R. Chamberlain, H. Taylor, A. Williams, A. Hurcombe, J. Matthews, H. Simmonds, R. Phillips, R. Chamberlain, jun., together with the following visitors:—Messrs. T. Williams (Ledbury), H. Young (Madley), W. Short (Clent), and A. Hadley (Cradley). After dinner the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs and handbell selections by the members of the Guild. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. Chamberlain, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess, and the singing of "Auld lang syne" brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

On January 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when, after 3½ hours ringing, the 7th man collapsed through being over done; the other ringers all gave him great credit for ringing it so long, and striking it so well, he being 60 years of age, and the bell weighing 30 cwt. The ringers were: W. Greenleaf, A. Hadling, H. Young, W. Short (conductor), T. Williams, A. Hurcombe, T. Lewis, H. Taylor. Tenor 48 cwt.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Cambridge on Whitstun-Tuesday, June 9th, 1908. Reports of Committees and any Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 9th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

Should it in any case be thought desirable to render a Postal Order secure by the insertion of the name of the office at which it is to be payable, may I ask Hon. Secs. not to insert "Stonehouse," which is more than six miles distant, but either "Saul" or "Frampton-on-Severn."

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The first quarterly meeting of this Guild took place at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, January 11th. The Rector of Stoke (Rev. Canon Blyth, D.D.), Vice-president of the Guild, presided in the absence of the President. All the officers of the Guild were present, making with other members a very gratifying attendance of about thirty members. Short touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. the meeting was held in the schools. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), read a letter from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, on the subject of electing a representative of the Guild at the next meeting of the Central Council at Cambridge on Whit-Tuesday. It was decided to let the matter of a representative stand over until the next quarterly meeting.

The Hon. Secretary put the new rules before the meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. White, that those be adopted, and on being put to the meeting, were carried unanimously.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed to take place at Rugby on Saturday, April 25th, on the proposition of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Johnson. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. Several new members were elected, and last, but not least, the Stoke bells, which are a new ring of eight, were kept going at intervals during the evening in various methods.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT EDMONTON.—J. T. Kentish's 100 Peals.—Grand-sire Triples 8; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 17; Caters 6; Cinques 1; Kent Major 4; Royal 7; Maximus 1; Bob Triples 1; Major 2; Canterbury Triples 1; Double Norwich Major 11; Caters 4; Royal 1; Superlative Major 19; London 9; Bristol 3; On handbells—Grand-sire Triples 3. Total—100.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

What has come to be known as "the terrible, dreadful, subject," has evidently spent itself. "Points for peals," or peals for points, are no more. We are practically pointless now. Certainly there are points connected with the quiet game of whist; and there have been sharp and keen points in debate, points critical, points of nicety, points epigrammatic, ungrammatic, rheumatic, and others, which will remain with us, but peal points are gone for ever, at any rate until next Whitsuntide. It was a pleasure to many readers last week to see that the correspondence had collapsed entirely, and you can take my Alfred David—as Dickens calls it somewhere—that it will not be revived again. No one feels more relief at this determination than the staff of this paper. Not altogether because of the effusions of those whose letters were printed, lengthy though some of them were. But there were others, the writers of whom, if they had the faculty of common sense, would see that they were totally unfitted to enter into a newspaper warfare. Letters from such as these were naturally and advisedly withheld from publication. Then followed personal insult and abuse; not for the first time from the same writers, which had the effect upon the "B.N." people as water is said to have on a duck's back. But there, the matter is finished up now, entirely.

Since writing the above paragraph I have learnt that Mr. Daniell has another letter with the old heading—"Points for Peals," under way. The alliteration may be tiresome, but there are "Points for Peals," you know, and also "Points for Peals." The latter is that which I have just alluded to above; the former is that where the subject under review, and no other, is referred to; where nothing is mentioned but what has a relation to the point at issue. We may, or we may not, hear more of this side of the question, but anything further can only be allowed from Mr. Daniell or Mr. Trollope, and the discussion, if any, will therefore go along smoothly, and without rancour.

We have had plenty of ringing throughout the country during the recent festive season, causing some grumblings here and there, perhaps where peal-ringing has been too much in evidence. An evening newspaper commenting on this, says:—

"In this as in all other matters, we are bound to be guided by the wishes of the majority, and we very much doubt whether the bulk of the community would desire the abolition of the ringing. The best way out of the difficulty would be for the church authorities to curtail excessive ringing. In many churches the bells are only rung for five minutes before service, and this seems a reasonable practice to which very few would object. As to the ringing of peals on such occasions as Christmas and New Year, the abolition is not to be thought of by reasonable men. There is such a thing as becoming too severely practical, and to welcome the New Year in silence simply because Mrs. Tompkinson has nerves would be a concession to modern feebleness which would do us no credit. Few people, we hope, are deaf to the music of the New Year chimes or the bells that usher in Easter Day, or have no thought for the message which they bring, and the gain, or fancied gain, of the few would be the loss of the many if the bells were silenced."

And in response to this the following letter appeared:—

"Your leading article on Saturday about church bells opened up interesting lines of thought. Personally I agree with the article. I love the church bells, and to hear both ringing and chiming in the proper season. What I do not like is to be disturbed at unearthly hours of the morning by bells ringing for early services when it is perfectly unnecessary. Most of us like to hear church bells announcing the hour of ordinary Sunday services as a pleasant reminder of ancient customs, and also because it soothes many an invalid unable to go to church, but we who are worshippers do not nowadays want a reminder

that it is time to worship; if we did surely chapels would have bells also. The solution seems to be to strike some happy medium, and only ring the bells on special occasions at stated times. The bells would last longer, and because less frequently heard would be even more keenly appreciated."

There has been a case before the Lincoln magistrates of a nuisance from a barking dog. The Chairman of the bench was a Colonel Mason, and at the close of the case he explained that that was the first case taken under the new bye-law. He wished to know whether the law applied to bells. The magistrates' clerk said it only applied to noisy animals and birds. The Chairman (regretfully): "A bell is not an animal; I wish it was." In connection with this an old contributor whose initials are below writes:

Some years ago—1896 I think—I rang in a peal at Lincoln Cathedral. Immediately the gallant Colonel who occupied the chair in the above case, rushed into print in the Lincoln Echo, calling upon the Dean and Chapter to disestablish the Treble Bob Majors: yours truly kept him busy writing letters for a fortnight with a view of explaining that it was more than likely that the Colonel would be disestablished before the Major.

On that occasion I remember his complaint was that his wine was shook out of his glass by the vibration. Ultimately he bethought him of the adage "He that fights and runs away" etc., but he has lived I am glad to say, although he fights from behind the dignity of the dead-head magisterial bench. Does it ever strike the Colonel, I wonder; that a brass band—even the military—may be a greater nuisance than church bells?

W.W.

Just previous to the appearance of my last "Notes," I received the following from a brother who signed himself "Novice," but as he didn't show himself by giving his name, his contribution had to be shelved for the nonce. But he has remedied this, and his contribution follows:—

"'Plain Speaker,'—Sir,—What is the reason we have had nothing from your pen lately. Is it because 'points for peals' monopolise your usual space or is it because you are laid up and cannot write? if the latter kindly accept the enclosed notes with due apologies, and publish them, or let the office-boy have his perquisite by putting them in the w.p.b." Then he goes on as per the following three paragraphs.

"Points for Peals" is getting stale, so now we are to have a little Surprise all about London. One correspondent says it's no surprise at all and trots a variation out belonging to another author. Another correspondent is a little more lenient, and admits it is a Royal Surprise but not London. Well it ought to be, especially as it was rung on the doorstep of London. I suggest the method published and rung keep its name, and this latter production (which has been up someone's sleeve for so long) be called a variation named after the town or village in which the author was residing at the time of composing it.

I see "The Tiger" has been splashing the ink about lately at Bedford. What a terrible waste of (otherwise) valuable time, to say nothing of material. Surely he must have forgotten the old wise saying: "People who dwell in glass houses," etc.

A peal has been rung quite recently just because a well known ringer has been a "railway servant" for thirty odd years. Marvellous! aint it? I expect in the near future we shall read of a peal being rung on the occasion of a voyage over England of an air-ship.

If my brother-string, who by the way, hails from Manchester, is pleased at seeing his effort in print, well everything will be satisfactory. I should like to allude to a letter which appeared last week about the Wootton Wawen affair, signed "J. Jones." Now who is J. Jones? One of the old firm of Smith, Brown, and Jones, whom we used to read about in our school-days? Or is it my old friend Jammy Jones, of Brum? We know hundreds of Joneses, good, bad, and indifferent; but the name is so—well, I won't say common, but—popular, that owners of such a patronymic should always add an address to their letters. And what does J. Jones say? That the new Warwickshire Guild should send a deputation to this place to interview the "authorities." I don't think the executive of this Association thanks any one for making suggestions to them; they seem a peculiar people; wise in their own opinions. And who is meant by "the authorities?" If "the authorities" includes the parish clerk, I cannot say much good would be done. His nose must be kept out of it. To make such a statement as he did about the condition of the bells of his parish church shows him to be absolutely ignorant of anything and everything about the requirements of church bells. But mark my words: "Warwickshire" won't move an inch in the matter.

In connection with this painful affair, I hear it is alleged that the parishioners hesitate to get rid of their bells on account of their antiquity. If this is true we must respect their feelings, though we may entirely disagree with them. The bells are fractured, some of them at any rate; one is kept together with an hoop-iron band! Thus they have become of no use, nor are they any ornament. If the church had an antique organ with deficient power and "cracked" pipes, the parishioners would try to get a new one without delay. Why not therefore renew their bells? If they possess inscriptions or any other interesting features, all may be re-produced in new castings, and the parishioners wouldn't know them from the old bells only by their purer tone. To retain worn-out and cracked bells merely because they are old is the height of folly; while to decline a generous offer for the provision of new ones betokens a culpable (I had almost written the word "criminal") imprudence the like of which has never yet been known in history.

A parting word on this subject. The whole Exercise throughout the world regrets the course of events with regard to the church bells of this village. Can some of our prominent leaders in the Central Council use their influence which will lead to a revival of the generous proposals of the Messrs. Hughes of Wootton Wawen, the gentlemen who so kindly offered to restore and augment the bells? The church is said to be full of antiquity, of Saxon work, and the most interesting in the whole diocese. Will such a temple as this remain without an appropriate ring of bells? It is fervently hoped not.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—Owing to absence from home I did not see your issue of the 4th inst. in time to reply in your last number to Mr. Trollope.

It is useless to prolong argument, and I shall therefore flatly contradict him. It is FALSE that the London attitude towards points originated in any personal feeling, and the suggestion that it did is as untrue as it is insulting. Mr. Trollope ignores the fact that "points" came into existence something like ten years before Mr. Pye rang his first peal for the Middlesex Association, and I can assert of my personal knowledge that from the first the opinion of the London Exercise as a body about the system has been what it is now. I shall be very much surprised if any representative London ringers in the "nineties" who are still alive should dissent from this; and as to those who have passed away I do not recall any one who ever in my hearing expressed other than a contemptuous opinion in referring to points.

Of course in what I said about competition in London in my last letter I referred to the results appearing in the points column of the analysis. Competition in the sense of self-respecting persons trying to gain intellectual and physical superiority is admirable in ringing as in anything else, but that is a very different thing to the pettifogging business of ringing for points. The eighteenth century competitions were not for points. Those who took part in them seem very unlikely from what we know of them to have cared about points, and in London men are still doing their best for change-ringing without the smallest regard to points.

Moreover in the eighteenth century all the London Societies for promoting change-ringing were mutually exclusive. This state of things ended with the establishment of the St. James's Society in 1824, and anybody who compares, as London ringers in the ordinary course do, the names figuring since that date in the peal books of that Society (now the London County Association) with those in the peal books of the College and Cumberland Youths and the Waterloo Society, will readily understand why from the outset members of the London Societies have regarded points as piffle, and are not likely to change their opinion.

As regards the musical aspect of ringing, I will briefly say—

1. The production of notes in succession on tuned instruments is the production of melody.
2. Change-ringing is such a production.
3. Therefore change-ringing is the production of melody; just as a vocal or instrumental solo is.
4. Melody is a branch of music.
5. Sir George Grove must have had sufficient knowledge to decide when hearing ringing whether it produced melody or not.
6. By his action he clearly decided in the affirmative.
7. Having so decided he obtained the assistance of a competent person to contribute an article on the subject to his Dictionary of Music.
8. The article was contributed by Mr. Troyte.
9. I have never known any rational person except Mr. Trollope to dispute the claims of ringing to be music. R. A. DANIELL.

NOISY BELFRIES.

SIR,—I have just noticed a request for information by "J. C." asking me for advice how to cure the noise in the belfry of Queensbury, near Bradford, Yorks. To the extent of my knowledge, born of experience, he is welcome. It is this:—

1. Don't put turf or soil in the bell pits. It rots, goes mouldy, and in damp weather becomes filthy.
2. Don't put sand. It blows up into the bearings and roller-boxes.
3. The certain cure is to be found by placing a false ceiling to the belfry. A few inches deep is quite sufficient to form an air chamber in which by the laws of acoustics the sound cal-

lapses before reaching the ringing room. If the belfry is low and a false ceiling is impossible—although lath and plaster is sufficient, with scantlings to carry the iron bushes or rope-guides—put blocks of silica cotton in the pits and cover over with boards. Silica cotton is expensive. It would cost about £12 or £14 for a floor 16 to 18-ft. square. It is sound-proof, but the ceiling is better. At St. John the Divine here the bells are only just overhead—not 18-ft. above. The false floor was put in, but the noise was terrific, being almost impossible to hear the bobs. Silica cotton was then laid between, but all to no purpose. The writer then noticed that the carpenter who made the rope-guides had put them straight through from floor to floor. Thus the sound was sent down direct through the tubes. A piece was then sawn out of each tube, thus enabling the sound to enter the second chamber. The result was startling. The bells sound now as though they were a mile away—if anything, on the quiet side. The conclusion is this: an air chamber with bushes for the ropes (not tubes), solves the problem. Without a second chamber use silica cotton or thin layer of concrete.

W. WILLSON.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hill, J. Beech, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Lawton, F. Page, E. Sherratt conductor, R. Deaville. And 672 in the same method. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, A. Nicklin, J. Beech, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, R. Deaville.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. F. Hadlow, C. Hadlow, S. Hadlow, E. E. Foreman, H. Gilbert conductor, A. Gilbert, F. Elsey, F. Packman. First 720 on the bells by a local band, and the first 720 by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

HANDSWORTH (Staffs).—On Sunday, December 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis, T. Russam, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood conductor, T. Verry, R. Speakman. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Verry.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 18th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. Shepherd, 1-2; W. Shepherd conductor, 3-4; G. Edser, jun., 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. First quarter-peal by the local band. Another quarter-peal in the same method, in 38 mins. A. Shepherd, 1-2; G. Edser, jun., 3-4; W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6; S. Hamblin, 7-8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Ross, E. Cassell, F. Skevington W. H. Stevens, J. J. Kent, A. Whittington, C. C. Cox conductor, G. W. Combes.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 4th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Dorrington, M. A. Wood, A. Hughes, jun., A. J. Perkins composer and conductor, F. Andrews, D. Gibbons, H. Hills, H. Taylor.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, November 20th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. B. Soden, A. Deacon, T. Haynes, T. Harris, J. Metherell, W. Farey, T. Tebbutt conductor, W. Gammage. On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 47 mins. B. Soden, A. Deacon, G. Knight, T. Haynes conductor, J. Mackay, T. Tebbutt, J. Metherell, W. Gammage.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Mary's church, prior to Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. Whanslaw, A. Whittington, C. C. Cox, J. P. Kent, E. Cassell, H. Adams, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes.

SPALDING.—On December 29th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. R. Mackman, jun., E. G. Mackman, R. Mackman, sen., conductor, J. R. Mackman, G. M. Mackman, G. R. Mackman.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on January 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 23rd; St. John, South Hackney, on January 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The practice will not be held at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. Members please note the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Particulars later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the society's headquarters, The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, on Monday, January 20th, after the usual practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at the parish church, Darlaston, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from two o'clock, and during the evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting and tea will be held in the Girls' Institute opposite the Town Hall.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Brighouse to-day, Saturday, January 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Middleton, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Mary's church (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. The committee meeting will be held in a large private room at The Coach and Horses inn at 4 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d.

each person in the club-room at 5, followed by General Meeting.

For W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

72, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. R. CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.
Bramcote Road, Beeston.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is very important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is directed to Rule No. 5. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3, Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. Circulars will be issued on or about January 8th. The Lancashire and Yorkshire trip will leave Halifax and Bradford at 11.40, picking up en route, through Pontefract. See official bills. JNO T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 25th, from 3 till 8. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those wishing to be present notify Mr. B. Baker, 11, Little Hallam, Ilkeston, not later than the 23rd.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 25th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and if a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the Hon. Sec. will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1908 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Burnet.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting in the Public Hall. As the cost of the tea will be 3d. per head more than the amount allowed by the Association, that must be paid by members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. In accordance with the decision of the Central Committee, no travelling allowances will be paid to members attending this meeting, but will be paid to a subsequent meeting, the particular meeting to be decided on at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTEY, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Dukas Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 5 p.m., at Hobbs', South Street. Members

intending to be present please inform me by Thursday, January 23rd.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham on Saturday January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Workmen's Hall, 5. Meeting at the Parish Room after. Members who intend being present at tea kindly inform me by the 20th inst.

J. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Fareham.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—The next meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know by Tuesday, January 28th.

J. C. SHATFORD, Dis. Sec.

50, Gaydon Street, Kettering.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 1st. Service in St. Thomas's church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me by Wednesday, January 29th. The tower bells (10) will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford, Worcester.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in St. Mary's Mission Hall, Lacy Road, High Street, Putney, by kind permission of the Vicar. Owing to the closing of Fulham tower for repairs, the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, will be available from 4 to 5.30, by kind permission of the Rector. Tea in St. Mary's Mission Hall (9d. each), at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. The bells of St. Mary's, Putney, will be available after the meeting. It is particularly requested that those intending to be present will please write not later than January 29th to

WILLIAM T. ELSON, Hon. Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1907.

THE reports of peals during the last three weeks have been very numerous. It has always been a great object with us to publish all peal-records in the current number, but when between sixty and seventy come to hand in one week, of necessity the latest arrivals must stand over till the following number. Our friends need not be under any apprehension of their records not appearing; too much care is taken of their "copy" to prevent loss. Reports of touches just now are also numerous, but all will appear in due course.

On a previous page our popular contributor says his final word on the Wootton Wawen episode, and makes a strong appeal to all those concerned to endeavour to revive the original offer made by two generous parishioners. We cannot help joining in this, and hope before long to hear that Messrs. TAYLOR (of Loughborough) have received the order to proceed with the work of restoration and augmentation. Many lovers of Church bells, who have read of this incident, strongly maintain that such a state of things has never existed before.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

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The Provinces.**CANTERBURY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

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HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

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MADELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, December 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
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| FURNESS WOODEND 3. | ROGER SATTERTHWAITE Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung to celebrate the old year out and the new year in. The ringers also wish to thank the conductor and his wife for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble. | FRED PATES 5. |
| EDWIN R. J. DUNK 2. | LEWIS ATTWATER 6. |
| ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. 3. | WILLIAM S. SMITH 7. |
| GEORGE HUGGETT 4. | CHARLES WALLACE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

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| JAMES WYATT* .. Treble. | DANIEL SNELLING 5. |
| WILLIAM COOK 2. | HENRY CORBETT 6. |
| GEORGE WYATT 3. | JOHN HOYLE 7. |
| JOHN WYATT 4. | WILLIAM FARRELL Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

*First peal on the treble. Rung to celebrate the recasting of the bells thirty-five years ago.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.**

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| JOHN BUCKLE* .. Treble. | HENRY W. WILKES 5. |
| CHARLES E. HALL† 2. | WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6. |
| CHARLES J. FRAY 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7. |
| PERCIVAL E. MORFEE .. 4. | E. RAINBIRD GLADDIS .. Tenor. |

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled to denote the passing of 1907. This is the first muffled peal rung in Southampton.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

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| CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble. | EDGAR PEMBERTON 5. |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2. | HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6. |
| WILLIAM MOTTS 3. | JAMES MOTTS 7. |
| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 4. | LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble. | JOSEPH RIDYARD 5. |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 2. | JOHN POTTER 6. |
| THOMAS PEERS 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD 7. |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 4. | TITUS BARLOW Tenor. |

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble. | RICHARD RIDYARD 5. |
| THOMAS PEERS 2. | JOHN POTTER 6. |
| THOMAS WALLWORK 3. | TITUS BARLOW 7. |
| ROBERT WALLWORK 4. | JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SHIPWAY MAJOR, 5002 CHANGES.
Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Treble. | ROBERT W. FALCONER .. 5. |
| JOHN T. RICHARDSON .. 2. | ERNEST E. FERRY .. 6. |
| JOHN F. BIRD 3. | JOHN FOREMAN 7. |
| ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 4. | WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method by all the band and the above Association,
and is only the second true peal ever rung in this method. Rung as
a farewell to the Rev. C. O. Brutton, who is leaving the district.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt.

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| FRED G. MAY Treble. | JAMES BAWN 6. |
| CHARLES DOWNING 2. | SAMUEL PHILIPS 7. |
| ALBERT STOWELL 3. | HENRY HOWELL 8. |
| PERCY WILLIAMS 4. | WILLIAM STOWELL 9. |
| FRANK K. HOWELL 5. | ISAAC LONG Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grand-
sire, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| GEORGE MONK Treble. | JOSEPH GOACHER 4. |
| REGINALD BLAKE 2. | WILLIAM DAY 5. |
| HENRY BLACKMAN 3. | FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor. |

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| JOHN ASPINWALL .. Treble. | EDWARD CAUNCE 5. |
| EDWIN H. LEWIS 2. | JOHN GARDINER 6. |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3. | WILLIAM DAVIES 7. |
| GEORGE WOODHALL .. 4. | JAMES MARTIN Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Major on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ALFRED FOX Treble. | REV. E. V. COX 5. |
| RAYMOND H. JUDGE .. 2. | FREDERICK WEBB 6. |
| HARRY G. JUDGE 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| WILLIAM JUDGE 4. | WILLIAM HONE Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, College
Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ALFRED WINDSOR .. Treble. | JAMES PEACOCK 4. |
| TOM LATIMER 2. | WALTER BROWN 5. |
| J. W. CHADWICK 3. | J. W. T. HOLGATE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WALTER BROWN.

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD STEEPLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| WILLIAM R. FYFE .. Treble. | WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. 5. |
| EDMUND F. PRICE 2. | RICHARD WHITSON 6. |
| EDWARD COWE 3. | WILLIAM C. S. HEATHCOTE 7. |
| C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 4. | JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. Tenor. |

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by all except Messrs. Price, Ellis,
and Heathcote, and the second peal in that method on the bells, the
first having been rung on May 21st, 1873, and conducted by M. A.
Wood. Rung as a farewell compliment to E. F. Price, who left
Edinburgh on January 10th to take up an appointment in Rio de
Janeiro.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| OLIVER THOMAS Treble | THOMAS BALDWIN 5. |
| JESSE GILLET 2. | JOHN W. JONES 6. |
| JOHN W. DAVIS 3. | JOHN AUSTIN 7. |
| JOHN BULLEN 4. | FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

J. Bullen was elected a member previous to starting.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

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| GEORGE ASTBURY Treble | WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 6. |
| GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 2. | A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7. |
| HIRAM MEAKIN 3. | HARRY CHAPMAN 8. |
| WALTER BROWN 4. | RICHARD NEWTON 9. |
| JAMES H. RIDYARD 5. | WALTER BILLINGE .. } Tenor. |
| | ERNEST POTTS } |

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Councillor J. E. Gilchrist, of the City Council, and who is a ringer and churchwarden of St. John's church, Oldham Road, Manchester.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK FRENCH Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5. |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2. | ISAAC EMBRY 6. |
| JOHN WHEADON* 3. | JAMES E. DAVIS 7. |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4. | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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| SAMUEL GREENWOOD Treble | EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 5. |
| CHARLES J. NORTH 2. | FRED PATES 6. |
| ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. 3. | WILLIAM S. SMITH 7. |
| GEORGE HUGGETT 4. | GEORGE BARRINGTON .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Greenwood, who attained the age of 78 on the above date. Special reference next week.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| HERBERT COX Treble | CHARLES SMITH 5. |
| THOMAS PRICE 2. | ARTHUR WALKER 6. |
| JOHN EVANS 3. | JOHN C. TRUSS 7. |
| JESSE ELDRIDGE 4. | GEORGE MARTIN Tenor. |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13.) Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| EDWARD HARRISON* Treble | HENRY W. WILDE 5. |
| GEORGE JONES 2. | JAMES V. WRIGHT 6. |
| ROBERT SPERRING 3. | JAMES MORGAN 7. |
| EDWIN H. LEWIS 4. | *WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor. |

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal of Triples on the bells. *First peal in the method.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| CHARLES TUMBER Treble | THOMAS JULL 4. |
| WILLIAM SPICE 2. | WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5. |
| JAMES NYE 3. | WILLIAM NYE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

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| HERBERT RAINBOW* Treble | ALFRED H. MARTIN 5. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 2. | WALTER PERKINS 6. |
| FRED HOPPER 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON 7. |
| WILLIAM ROGERS 4. | †FRED WILFORD Tenor. |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| BENJAMIN TAYLOR Treble | GEORGE HARRIS 4. |
| WILLIAM SHORT 2. | GEORGE E. PREECE 5. |
| ALFRED KITSON 3. | ALBERT GALLIERS Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT,

First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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| ALFRD FOX Treble | HARRY MILES 5. |
| ALBERT E. LOCK 2. | WILLIAM STONE 6. |
| JOHN F. JUGGINS 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| EDGAR HUMFREY 4. | FRANK BARRETT Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ALBERT RUFFELS Treble. | ARCHIE BREARLEY 5. |
| ARTHUR J. SAXBY 2. | JOHN DRONFIELD 6. |
| JAMES H. BELL 3. | DAVID BREARLEY 7. |
| CHARLES E. BELL* 4. | JOHN PARKIN Tenor. |

Composed by J. BAEKER, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in respect to the memory of Mr. Joseph Pressler, who had been a regular attendant in the choir at St. Leonard's for 42 years, and was at one time also a ringer, and was interred the previous day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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| KEITH HART Treble. | ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. 5. |
| CHARLES PALMER 2. | EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 6. |
| FRANK S. STURT 3. | ROBERT J. DAWE 7. |
| HARRY STALHAM 4. | ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

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| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble. | CHARLES DEAN 5. |
| JAMES D. DREWETT 2. | ALBERT CALVER 6. |
| DOUGLAS D. DREWETT .. 3. | WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 7. |
| THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4. | ALFRED J. WHITE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Calver, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is J. D. Drewett's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

Handbell Peal.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT 87, THE COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| WALTER ALLWOOD .. 1-2. | CLEMENT GLENN 5-6. |
| GEORGE LEWIS 3-4. | SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8. |

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. The band afterwards ascended the belfry and "rang in" 1908 with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Wright, A. Gwinnett, J. Wigmore, F. Cole, W. Bateman, G. Miles, W. Hale conductor, W. Ireland.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish

church, for midnight service, a date touch of 1907 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Wickham, T. B. Kendall, E. Simpson, E. Murgatroyd, W. Joyce, J. Broadley, J. A. Ross, J. Joyce. Composed by F. Robinson, and conducted by A. Ross.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES.—On Tuesday, December 24th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. L. Hutton, R. Haslehurst, S. Hillier conductor, F. Green, G. Mileham, T. Pike.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, a date touch of Minor, in 72 mins., being 720 Oxford Bob and 1188 Plain Bob. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot. On Saturday, November 30th, being the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of St. Lawrence's church after restoration, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 70 mins. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, January 6th, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson composer and conductor, H. Jenkins, B. Cooke. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFOT ST. PETER.—On December 31st, at the parish church, 2520 Oxford Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 28 mins. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore conductor. On January 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM.—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Freeman, T. Haynes, T. Harris, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, H. Key, F. Hopper, W. Roberts, G. Flavell, E. James. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Norman, who was a regular attendant at the above church. On Monday evening, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. H. Blundell, H. Key, T. Harris, S. Lawrence, A. Hensman, W. Farey, W. Roberts, G. Flavell, F. Wilford composer and conductor, J. Freeman. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tomling, one of the superintendents of St. Giles's Sunday Schools.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On December 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. White, C. Groves, W. Lebbon, H. Northfield, A. Small, J. Harris conductor, J. Harding, S. Thomas. On old year's night, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, H. Northfield, C. Groves, J. Symonds conductor, J. Harding, J. Harris, A. Collins, S. Thomas. On January 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. Turner, J. Harris, J. Matthews, F. S. Bayley, J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

TWYFORD.—On Tuesday evening, November, 19th, at the at the usual weekly practice, 504 Stedman Triples. C. A. Valentine, G. Smith, G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, W. T. Tucker, T. Spratt, W. H. George, G. S. Aslett. 384 Bob Major. C. Abraham, T. Spratt, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, G. Smith, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams. 336 Grandsire Triples, and two 168s of Stedman were also brought round. These touches were the result of a visit by several members of the North Stoneham band.

JOHN JAY.

A personality of the ringing world in the South has passed away by the death of the above. Formerly of Streatham our friend joined the Waterloo Society, London, in 1870, and took part in several peals, coming to reside in Brighton in 1871. Change-ringing in Brighton at this date was practically unknown, and for many years John was the pioneer and instructor of the Art in Brighton. He first joined the St. Nicholas Society, and remained a member of same until 1882.

In 1882 the peal of eight bells was opened at St. Peter's, Brighton, and from this time onward to Christmas, 1906, when ill health compelled him to resign, our friend was chief steeple-keeper. In the early days of the Sussex County Association and previously, when Grandsire was the only method practised, John was a safe conductor, Holt's 10-part being his favourite

composition, which he called many times, and from any bell. Later when the higher methods began to be practised by the St. Peter's Society, he was ever ready to lend a hand by ringing the treble, and this he did in all the first Surprise peals. Ever ready to teach a young beginner, there are many who owe their first instruction to him. In all John had rung some 140 to 150 peals, many of which he had conducted. Latterly he had been ailing for some time and the end came peacefully on the 3rd inst., when he passed away at the age of 73. The interment took place on the 7th inst., at the Brighton parochial cemetery, the chief mourners being the widow; and Mr. J. Jay (son), and Mrs. Jay; Mr. Jay (brother); and Mr. W. Palmer, steeplekeeper of St. Nicholas. Several of the St. Nicholas and St. Peter's ringers attended at the cemetery to pay a last respect to his memory, among whom were

Mr. W. Davey, sen., Mr. H. Ram, Mr. E. C. Merritt and Mr. K. Hart. In the evening members of the St. Nicholas Society took part in ringing the bells of the old church half-muffled as a last token of respect.

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On New Year's Eve, the members of the choir and the ringers, together with their wives, were entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Cox, and Mrs. Cox, in the New Hall, which had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The other guests present included the Rev. J. A. Stott, (curate), Mr. F. Webster, (Vicar's warden), and Mrs. Webster and Mr. Bradley, (organist and choirmaster).

Table games were provided and the choir rendered part songs and solos at intervals during the evening. Mrs. Cox gave a humorous reading which caused much amusement.

After partaking of refreshments, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see such a good number present, and referred to the good work done by the choir and ringers during the year which was now closing, and he wished all present a very bright and happy new year. He was supported by the curate, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Bradley, who were all very warm in their praises.

Mr. W. Heckford replied on behalf of the choir, and Mr. J. Thackray on behalf of the ringers, who along with the former speakers thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kindness in providing them all with such a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

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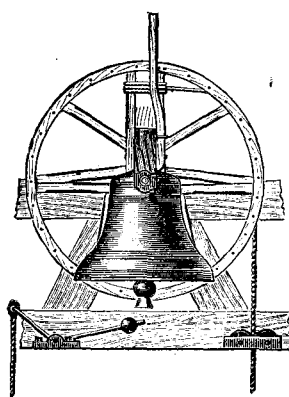
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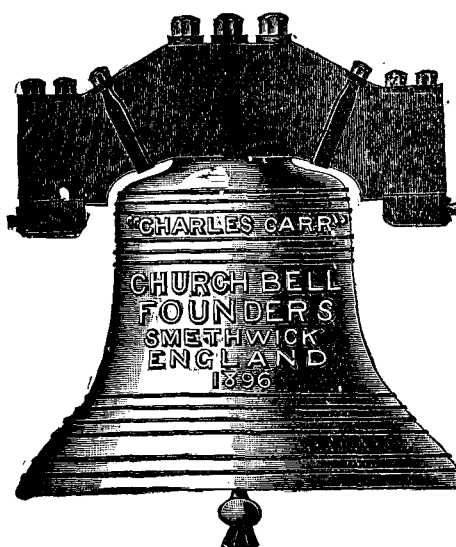
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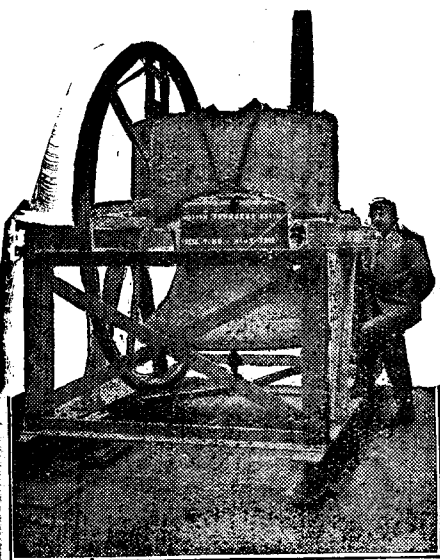
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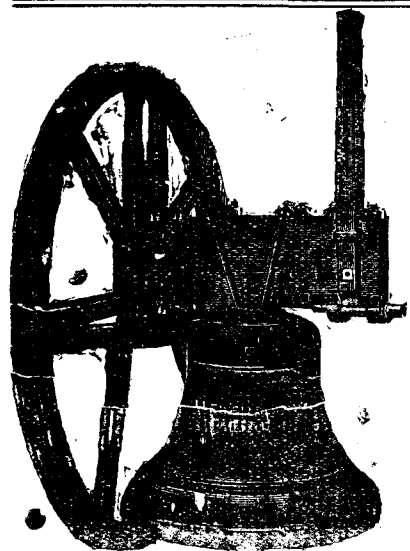
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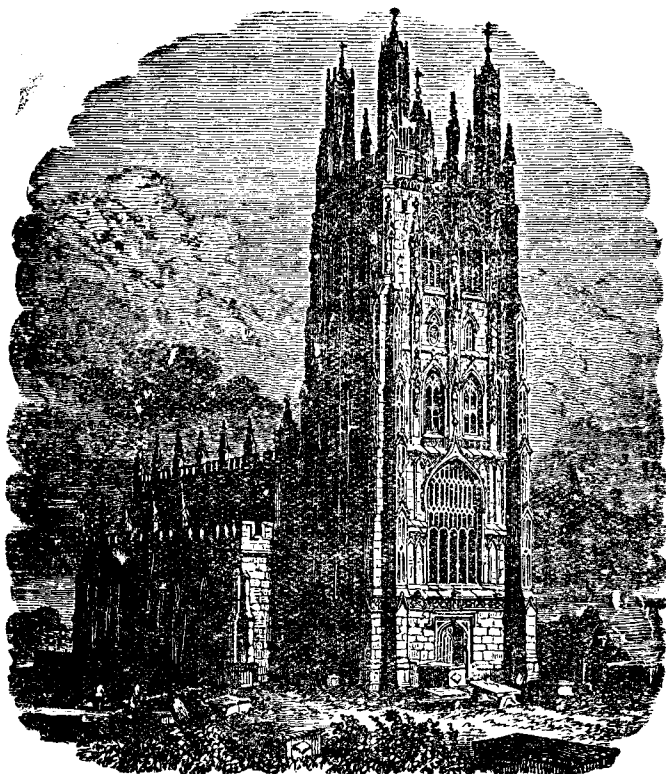
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WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.

The work of rehanging Wrexham bells had been looked forward to with the keenest interest by the inhabitants, and especially the ringers of Wrexham and the North Wales Association, to which body the Wrexham society is affiliated.

For some time it had been a well-known fact that the condition of Wrexham bells was a subject of the gravest anxiety to those who were aware of their condition, and it was felt that sooner or later the question of their entire restoration would have to be faced. On all sides it was duly recognised that such an historic ring of bells, hanging in one of the grandest towers of the country, should not be neglected.

The Mayor of Wrexham (who is a nonconformist) called a public meeting of the inhabitants, and the result was beyond expectation, for in the course of a few weeks the sum of £500 was raised to cover the cost of rehanging. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who immediately commenced to carry it out. The contract included the provision of a new iron X frame, resting on four steel girders. The bells were quarter-turned, with new headstocks, in fact everything was new except the bells. The treble, 2nd, 6th, and tenor were retuned, which has effected a marked improvement in the general tone of this magnificent ring of bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were so very prompt in completing their contract that the bells were ready for ringing a fortnight

before the stipulated time. On Christmas morning, after being silent for the space of six months, the bells at 6 a.m. pealed forth their many tidings of joy and goodwill.

The celebration of the reopening was a kind invitation by the Mayor of Wrexham (Councillor Edward Hughes) on boxing-day to a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel. The Wrexham ringers were invited along with leading members of the North Wales Association. The following were also present: the Mayor, the Vicar of Wrexham (Rev. Daniel Davies); the Churchwardens; Councillor S. Farman; Messrs. Ellis and Morris, Rhyl; Hughes and Pegler, Bangor; G. Jones and J. Morgan, Pulford; B. Sperrin and J. Wilde, Chester; etc. A capital luncheon was provided, and the toast of "The King" was proposed by the mayor and duly honoured. The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by councillor Farman and responded to by the Vicar of Wrexham (Rev. D. Davies). The Mayor proposed "Success to the Wrexham bells, and good health to their ringers," and this was ably responded to by Mr. Edward Rowland (conductor); who in giving a short history of the bells, said that in 1877 the bells were re-hung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, in the original oak frame which was placed in the tower along with the bells in the year 1726, by Rudhall of Gloucester.

It would be perhaps interesting to state here that the weight of the tenor is 25 cwt., and the only ring of ten bells in North Wales. Mr. Rowland expressed on behalf of the ringers the heartiest thanks and deepest gratitude to the Mayor for so very kindly entertaining them that day, also for the prominent and vigorous attitude in so readily responding and using his kind and good offices in being responsible for the movement in placing the bells in their present sound condition.

The Rev. John Davies (Llangollen) in a very interesting speech seconded the vote of thanks, and a most enjoyable gathering and an eventful day terminated.

The whole of the ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where the bells were fully tested in various methods.

The general comment was that the bells went remarkably well, and on all hands there were expressions of appreciation of the work which had been so ably and so well done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The General Annual Meeting of the above society was held at The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, on Monday, January 20th, at 9.30 p.m., the Master, Mr. J. Parker, presiding over an attendance of about 20 members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. A. Jacob; Secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; Treasurer, Mr. H. Dains; Senior Steward, Mr. A. N. Hardy; Junior Steward, Mr. R. Bevan. It was proposed to hold a quarterly meeting at West Ham on February 22nd, particulars of which will be duly announced. The new officers particularly request that members will endeavour to attend the fortnightly practices at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

LONDON SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Mr. Lindoff's reply to my letter is very disappointing; this is not at all a personal matter, but simply a question of finding out the truth, and I think that Mr. Lindoff would use your space to much greater advantage by helping to investigate the matter, instead of making unkind suggestions.

Personally I do not care a bit who produces the nearest approximation to London Royal, but I do very much care that the name London should be applied to that set of figures which most truly deserves it.

Mr. Lindoff states that my rules were made to suit any

method; this is an assumption on his part which, to put it mildly, is most unkind; the real fact is that the rules were drawn from the Minor and Major, and then the Royal was produced from the rules, and I have only started investigating the matter in order to arrive, if possible, at the truth.

He asks me to point out where he has "departed from London." I certainly thought that I had already done so, but if space can be afforded I will try to make the matter clearer, as it is certainly a very important matter, and ought to be definitely settled before any more peals are rung; and I hope that the College Youths, to whom I have the honor of belonging, will not book the peal as London until the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

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I now give half a lead of Minor, Major, five variations of Royal, and one of Maximus, and proceed at once to compare them. When the Treble is in one-two all the bells from third place upwards plain hunt in reverse coursing order in every variation. When the Treble passes into three-four the 2nd leads a whole pull and in Minor the 6th coursing in front of the 5th makes 4th place at the cross section, in Major, Royal and Maximus the 7th which is coursing in front of the 5th makes the place. When the Treble dodges in three-four, 2nd place is made in Minor, Major and Royal A B C and E, but in D 5th and 6th are made instead of 2nd and so the method ceases to be London. At the same time the bells from five-six upwards in Minor, Major, Royal A and B, and Maximus cease to plain hunt backwards, and Treble Bob Hunt in direct course order but in C D and E places are made which disturbs this Treble Bob Work and so they cease to be London. As the Treble makes her way up behind, first the 3rd comes under her and makes a place in Minor, Major, Royal A B E, and Maximus, but not in C and D which are therefore not London. Then the 4th; in Minor, Major, Royal A B and Maximus, but not in C D and E. Then the 6th, 8th, 10th, xth, yth and 9th in proper course

order but not so in C D or E. Moreover the bell which does 5 6 5 work in Minor, Major, Royal A B, and Maximus proceeds up to the back in a Treble Bob Hunt and does treble bob work with the Treble behind, but this work is not in C D or E. The Royal A, is London Surprise throughout, but unfortunately it is illegitimate. In B every place is London work until the Treble gets into 90 when we have six rows in the lead which are not pure London, in C we have sixteen rows which are not pure London, in D six rows, in E ten, and in the Maximus six rows. Lastly London Minor and Major, Royal A, B, and Maximus never have more than one internal place at a cross section, but C D and E have two internal places at some cross sections, which is not right in London Surprise. The sections in brackets in B C D E and Maximus are sections in which true London work is departed from and it will at once be seen that B is the only legitimate variation in which this alteration is confined to those rows in which the Treble is above 8ths place, the work being exactly the same as Major up to that point, but in C D and E the London work is upset far earlier in the lead. In Maximus it is all pure London work until the Treble gets into 11-12.

Finally let me ask those who are interested in this question to make a diagram of each of these plain courses when they will find that B has work which differs from Major far less than either C D or E, and that the Maximus is nearer to the Major than any of the Royal variations.

[The foregoing article was intended to succeed Mr. Lindoff's previous letter, but the space it occupies could only be granted in this number—ED.]

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Lutterworth on Saturday last, January 18th. The eight bells of the parish church of St. Mary were open for ringing from 2.0 p.m.

Tea was held at The Coach and Horses inn, followed by the general meeting, at which the chair was taken by the vice-President, Mr. John W. Taylor, supported by Mr. Arthur Wakley (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. Bannister (churchwarden), and Mr. Joseph Griffin, acting as hon. secretary in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. White.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Letters of apology were read from the Ven. Archdeacon Stocks, (Misterton), the Rev. E. Jackson, (Rector of Gilmorton, near Lutterworth), and Mr. S. F. Topham, (churchwarden of St. Mary's, Lutterworth). Mr. Taylor said they would all be pleased to hear that their Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. E. White, although unable to be present, was daily improving in health, and hoped to be with them again at the Annual Meeting, which would be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and to which he gave all a very cordial invitation. He then proceeded to review the peals rung during the last quarter, 42 in number, and consisting of:—

- 2 peals Bob Minor, (1 on handbells).
- 1 " Minor in four methods.
- 8 " Grandsire Triples.
- 1 " Oxford Bob Triples.
- 3 " Stedman Triples.
- 2 " Bob Major.
- 6 " Double Norwich C.B. Major.
- 6 " Kent Treble Bob Major.
- 6 " Superlative Surprise Major.
- 3 " Yorkshire Surprise Major.
- 2 " Grandsire Caters.
- 1 " Stedman Caters.
- 1 " Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Rung in 23 towers, and 1 on hand-bells.

This total was a record for any quarter since the formation of the Association, for which we were greatly indebted to the Northern Division. He also noticed that the S. Paul's society, Burton-on-Trent, had recommenced ringing Surprise methods, a peal of Superlative having been rung in December last, and from information received another had already been accomplished for 1908, and concluded by saying he was very proud of the progress made by the Association during the past year, which had 93 peals to its credit. Two Auditors were duly appointed in accordance with rule 11, the Rev. M. H. Pimm, Vicar of Colston Bassett, and the Rev. J. P. Hales, Vicar of Cotgrave, being unanimously elected. Votes of thanks for the use of the bells, and to A. Bannister, esq., churchwarden, for the arrangements of the meeting, were passed with acclamation. One honorary, two life, and twenty-nine ringing members, (making a total of seven honorary, ten life, and seventy-three ringing members for the year) were unanimously elected.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung during the afternoon and evening, much to the delight of the inhabitants of Lutterworth and neighbourhood.

ST. JAMES'S. BOLTON, BRADFORD.

This splendid ring of eight bells having been re-hung by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., Doncaster, will be re-opened on February 1st, 1908. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—W. C. Rumsey's 100 Peals.—Doubles 1, conducted 1; Minor 7, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples 4, conducted 3; Stedman Triples 5; Bob Triples 2; Bob Major 17, conducted 3; Double Norwich 22, conducted 7; Double Oxford 2; Oxford Major 22, conducted 7; Kent Major 7, conducted 2; Royal 3; Stedman Caters 1; Superlative Surprise 7, conducted 1. Total—100; conducted 27.

STEDMAN CATERS.

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The last fourteen courses twice repeated, calling the first course 4 5 16, produces 214356. Round at 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15.

This peal has the 3rd, 4th and 5th their extent behind the 9th: also the 6th its extent in 4ths and 6ths place in the in-course position, and the treble a 2nds place bell. It has an original set of eleven courses, the transposition of which is new to the method, and the first published on this plan.

Rung at Sheffield on the 7th inst., conducted by William Lomas.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, January 6th, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson composer and conductor, H. Jenkins, B. Cooke. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

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THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Brighthouse on Saturday, January 18th, and a good muster of ringers and friends assembled to take part in the proceedings. Six companies took part in the contest, each set ringing a test piece of 640 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, preceded by a plain course of 224 changes for practice. The bells, tenor 14½ cwt., with the schools, had been placed at the Society's disposal by the Vicar of Brighthouse, the Rev. O. S. Laurie, M.A. The judges for the occasion were Messrs. Jas. Angus, Bradford, C. Neild, Kirkheaton, and F. Crossley, Brighthouse. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., and the first set to ring were soon busy at the ropes.

A grand tea was served to the visitors during the afternoon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the close of the contest the general meeting was held in the schools, the chair being taken by vice-president Lawson, who was supported by the Vicar of Brighthouse and the officers of the Society.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe were read and confirmed, and as no invitation was brought forward for place of next contest on six bells, it was decided to leave same in the officers' hands.

The result of the ringing was then declared by Mr. Angus as follows: No. 1 company Lightcliffe St. Matthew's, 222 faults; 2 company Birstal, 292 faults; 3 company Ripponden, 372 faults; 4 company Low Moor, 204 faults; 5 company Halifax parish, 211 faults; 6 company Almondbury, 210 faults. No 4 company were declared the winners.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Rev. O. S. Laurie for the use of the bells and schools, and for his presence with them that evening to present the cup to the winners. This was seconded by Mr. Rylands and warmly carried.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for the vote passed so heartily. It was an easy matter to grant the use of the bells, which he had had the pleasure to do, because he really did take a deep interest in change-ringing, although he had not succeeded in learning the Art, having been brought up in Scotland where rings of bells were few. He therefore had now all the greater pleasure in hearing bells pealing forth their music, and he had been wondering how the judges had been able to find so many faults in the ringing that afternoon. He had pleasure in handing the silver cup to Mr. Emmett, who had conducted the winning company, on behalf of the Association, which he hoped would continue to grow and prosper, and he trusted they would visit Brighthouse again, when he would be pleased to repeat the welcome.

Mr. Emmett suitably thanked the Vicar for the present, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. This was seconded and carried, to which Mr. Angus responded.

A vote of thanks to the Brighthouse branch, and to the ladies for their arrangements and hospitality, was carried unanimously, and responded to by Mr. Drake, who said it was a pleasure to know that satisfaction had been given, and if the visitors were satisfied the Brighthouse branch were highly gratified.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought another very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE ROYSTON (HERTS.) SOCIETY.

During 1907 the members of this Society were successful in ringing 136 720s in twenty-one methods on their own bells, being 12 Surprise, 52 Treble Bob, and 72 in Plain methods, as follows: Cambridge Surprise, 9; Superlative, 3; Duke of York, 3; City Delight, 3; New London Pleasure, 2; Violet, 2; London Scholars' Pleasure, 2; College Pleasure, 2; Oxford Delight, 5; Woodbine, 12; Oxford Treble Bob, 11; Kent Treble Bob, 10; Double Oxford, 12; Double Court, 11; Single Court, 8; College Single, 15; Oxford Bob, 13; Canterbury Pleasure, 5; Double Bob, 1; Grandsire, 2; Plain Bob, 5; total 136. Except for one service when the bells were silent on account of illness near the church, they have been rung for every morning and evening service on Sunday during the past year.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

Fifty-seven complete 720s have been rung by the above Society and visiting friends during the year ending December 31st, 1907. Methods rung: Plain Bob, 2; Kent, 7; Oxford, 4; Surprise methods: London, 9; Cambridge, 9; York, 11; Carlisle, 4; Wells, 4; Durham, 4; Worcester, 1; Chester, 1; Chichester, 1. Ringers: W. Miller, 52; J. Moule, 52; S. Hayes, 51; H. Torble, 44; G. Dawson, 34; S. Bird, 22; G. Hayden, 21; W. Doran, 20; G. A. Black, 18; F. Squires, 11; H. Bott-rill, 4; R. Saunders, 3; E. Wightman, 2; G. F. Margetson, 1; W. Truss, 1; G. Cornell, 1; T. Cranfield, 1; W. T. Farrow, 1; P. A. Coard, 1; W. Keeble, 1; A. Neale. Conducted by W. Miller, 40; S. Hayes, 8; J. Moule, 3; G. A. Black, 3; E. Wightman, 2; G. Dawson, 1. Total number of changes rung, 41,040.

THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WANSTEAD.

During the past year the above Society, with a few friends, have rung sixty-three 720s in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, 25; Oxford Treble Bob, 14; Plain Bob, 24. The following have taken part in the ringing: G. Cornell, 41; W. Smith, 53; F. Squires, 62; W. Keeble, 47; J. B. Marks, 45; E. A. Lebbon, 53; A. H. Doherty, 25; H. Bodger, 14; J. Marks, 21; S. Bird, 8; G. A. Black, 2; G. Dawson, 2; A. Neale, 1; E. Barnett, jun., 1; G. Lucas, 1; H. Woods, 1. The conducting was shared by W. Keeble, 41; J. B. Marks, 18; F. Squires, 3; A. H. Doherty, 1.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LONDON ROYAL.

SIR,—I am very much obliged for the answer Mr. Lindoff has been pleased to give regarding the above, but I do not accept it as being the correct one (for reasons see my letter of December 14th), and I shall bring the subject before the Committee of the Central Council, who, I presume will be allowed to give a decision which I hope will be a satisfactory one, and accepted by all interested as being final.

F. G. MAY.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—May I ask through the medium of your valuable paper for particulars of the bells of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, such as their founders, weight of tenor, and whether they are ringable. It is now several years since I visited this charming watering place, and from what I remember of this particular tower it contained a ring of eight, with a tenor (as far as I could judge by the sound) of about 20 cwt. I unfortunately had no opportunity of going up the tower at the time. I have searched the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" for any account of ringing being done there, but as I have not seen what I sought for, I write this in the hope that some brother ringer will enlighten me on the subject.

F. C. TURNER.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, a date touch of Minor, in 72 mins., being 720 Oxford Bob and 1188 Plain Bob. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot. On Saturday, November 30th, being the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of St. Lawrence's church after restoration, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 70 mins. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 9th, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 1188 Bob Minor. C. List, F. C. Lambert, E. Chatten, J. Larter, F. Watling conductor, J. Punchard.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 8th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 48 mins. J. Hiscock, W. Trusler, S. G. Twyman conductor, F. Reeve, E. Wilson, J. Blytheman, A. H. Saxby, W. Collison. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Christmas morning, for Early Communion, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, C. Mayne, F. Vickers conductor, E. Field, A. Vickers, C. Rollings, W. Jeffs, W. Neale. 168 in the same method. G. Wright, C. Mayne, E. Field, F. Vickers conductor, A. Vickers, C. White, C. Rollings, W. Jeffs. For morning service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Mayne conductor, E. Field, F. Vickers, A. Vickers, C. White, W. Neale. On December 31st, to ring out the old year, 560 and 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, T. Underwood, F. Vickers conductor, E. Field, A. Vickers, W. Jeffs, C. Rollings, W. Neale. On January 1st, to ring in the new year, 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Vickers, C. Mayne, T. Underwood, E. Field, C. Rollings, F. Vickers conductor, W. Jeffs, S. Turner.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUYTON.—On Saturday, January 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor. M. Harris, W. Birchall, J. Copple, W. Booth, W. Hughes conductor, T. Barton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. F. W. Bond, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, A. C. Harmer, J. J. Jefferies, C. E. Bartlett, F. Protherough, F. Lewis.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TALGARTH.—On Friday, December 6th, at St. Gwendoline's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. Edwards, A. J. Griffiths, W. D. Griffiths, C. Price, J. Hammond, L. S. Griffiths conductor. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 31st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1284 changes, in 44 mins. G. Edser, A. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, S. C. Hamblin, G. Woodiss conductor.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Friday, December 6th, in honour of the birthday of Mrs. Ryle, wife of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lowman, A. J. LeClercq, G. Upshall, A. Smith, E. Newell, A. Baigent, T. Upshall conductor, H. Kimber. On Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. LeClercq, G. Upshall, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, E. Newell, F. E. Dawe, C. Edwards.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On Friday, November 29th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Forster, A. Charlton, R. Dixon, T. H. Surtees, A. M. C. Field, F. Barron

conductor. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Lewis Priestman, esq., M.F.H., after his marriage. The same method was rung on the day of the wedding.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR (Notts).—On December 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Bryan, W. Brunsdon conductor, W. Henson, E. Walker, G. Blanchard, W. Robinson, P. Walker, H. Farnsworth.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—Recently, an attempt for a peal collapsed at the half-way owing to a rope breaking. E. Carter, L. J. Dickerson, W. Seeley, W. Radley, G. Flatt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn conductor, C. Carter. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Lockwood, John Thackray, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent, Joe Thackray.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. O. Gibbey, L. Green, G. Essex, G. Irvine, E. G. Frankum, R. T. Hibbert, E. W. Menday conductor, H. Simmonds.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, November 26th, at the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 720 Plain Bob. G. Taylor, T. Dennis, P. Taylor, T. W. Dickinson, W. B. Kempton, F. Kempton conductor.

DEPTFORD.—On Wednesday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Weatherstone, E. F. Pike, T. G. Deal, W. Hewitt, F. Bennett conductor, E. B. Crowder, W. Jeffries, J. Crowder.

EXETER.—On a recent Saturday evening, at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, G. W. Challice, F. Murphy, E. Sargent, J. Moss, E. Shepherd conductor, W. Acreman.

FRENSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Cranham, E. Garbutt, R. Gwilliam, C. Edwards, E. Ewell, W. Deadman. First 360 by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor. Several 6-scores with H. Mills and S. Day.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Bloxley, F. Talbut, W. Lewis, F. Andrew, W. Wilson, M. Atkins conductor.

ISLE OF DOGS.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. H. Hawkins, F. W. Thornton conductor, J. Law, E. E. Richards, T. Cranfield, A. W. Coles, R. Sanders, G. Jolly.

QUEENSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service in the evening at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Ainger, J. Palframan, J. Broadley, A. Benson, H. Sugden, A. Gill conductor, J. F. Mallaby, S. Palframan. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. King, R. Bosworth, A. Moore, F. Viles, W. Maund, A. W. Flowers conductor, J. Fennell, G. Webster.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1907.

DEATH OF MRS. J. W. STEDDY, OF EDENBRIDGE.

It is our melancholy duty to record the sudden decease of ROSA, the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. J. W. Steddy, which sad event took place on Tuesday, the 14th instant. Many of our readers, especially ringers in the counties of Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, will know that it is barely twelve months ago since the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Steddy was announced in these columns, the ceremony being performed by a well-known ringer—the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. And now a young life of much promise has been cut short by the hand of death in an awfully sudden manner. Our old friend who is left to mourn his great loss will certainly receive the sincere and lasting sympathy of all in his sudden bereavement.

The funeral of the deceased lady took place at Edenbridge on Friday, January 17th, amid universal expressions of respect and sympathy; business in the town being almost entirely suspended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Somers (Vicar), and the Rev. R. Nicol (curate). Within the church the organist played Beethoven's funeral march and the Dead March in Saul, while the choir sang the hymn "Peace, perfect peace." As a token of respect the local ringers rung for service on Sunday, with the bells half-muffled.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble. | FRANK BENNETT 5. |
| ARTHUR JACOB 2. | ARTHUR N. HARDY 6. |
| ALBERT BRIGHTMAN* .. 3. | WILLIAM BERRY 7. |
| EDWARD F. COLE 4. | WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Tenor. |

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble. | FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5. |
| EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2. | HARRY WARNETT 6. |
| THOMAS TAYLOR 3. | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7. |
| WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4. | FRANK HOWELL Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWARD EDMUND RICHARDS.

Rung to celebrate the fifty-first anniversary of the dedication of the church.

The Provinces.**TRULL, SOMERSETSHIRE.****EHE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-score. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| T. COLLARD Treble. | W. WEAVER 4. |
| W. FUDGE, JUN. 2. | G. WEAVER 5. |
| W. FUDGE, SEN. 3. | A. PYKE Tenor. |

Conducted by G. WEAVER.

First peal by all except the conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.*On Wednesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

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| G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. Treble. | REV. E. COX 6. |
| F. BARRETT 2. | F. S. WHITE 7. |
| H. HOLIFIELD 3. | G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8. |
| E. HUMFREY 4. | R. WHITE 9. |
| N. SPINDLOW 5. | F. WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the nineteenth anniversary of the record peal of Stedman Caters, 15,041 changes, in 9 hrs. 16 mins.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN THOMAS Treble. | CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6. |
| RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2. | CHARLES H. HORTON .. 7. |
| HENRY PRING 3. | CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 8. |
| HENRY BROWNJOHN .. 4. | JOHN A. BURFORD .. 9. |
| RICHARD CLARK 5. | WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Cave.

BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

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| THOMAS MILLER Treble. | EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 7. |
| ALBERT WALKER 2. | *FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 8. |
| ARTHUR CHAMBERS† .. 3. | JAMES GEORGE 9. |
| CHARLES DICKENS 4. | *JAMES L. WELLS .. 10. |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5. | JOHN NEAL 11. |
| ALF PADDON SMITH .. 6. | JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition is now rung for the first time. *First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Maximus. ‡First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)*On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.
Tenor 41 cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble. | CLEMENT GLENN 6. |
| GEORGE HOLMES 2. | JOHN THORPE 7. |
| WILLIAM LOMAS 3. | SAM SEED 8. |
| CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY 4. | SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 9. |
| ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5. | WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. Tenor. |

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD
(THREE TOWNS BRANCH)*On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

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| J. WOODLEY* Treble. | W. RICHARDS 5. |
| W. RUNDLE 2. | E. E. MANNING 6. |
| S. E. TOMLINS 3. | G. H. MYERS 7. |
| W. FORD 4. | †C. GULLETT Tenor. |

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

†First peal. *First peal away from the tenor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, January 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| JOSEPH GRIFFIN Treble. | GEORGE BULL 5. |
| ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 2. | GEORGE ROBINSON .. 6. |
| WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3. | LEONARD BULLOCK .. 7. |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD* .. 4. | HARRY WAKLEY .. Tenor. |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. The figures of this peal were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 14th, 1907, page 467.

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On Thursday, January 9 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| ERNEST LUBBOCK* Treble. | *JOHN FREEMAN 5. |
| GEORGE HARVEY* 2. | GEORGE MAYERS 6. |
| ALEXANDER POTTER† 3. | JOHN E. BURTON 7. |
| GEORGE P. BURTON 4. | EGBERT BORRETT Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal. †First in the method.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, January 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ARTHUR HADLEY Treble | WILLIAM EVANS 5. |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS* 2. | WILLIAM HARGEST 6. |
| WILLIAM SHORT 3. | CHARLES L. SADLER 7. |
| GEORGE GIBLIN 4. | †WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor. |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the eight bells. †First peal on eight bells. *First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| IRWIN MASSEY Treble. | GEORGE A. SMITH 5. |
| EDWIN HARPER 2. | ARTHUR LATHAM 6. |
| JOHN WOODWARD 3. | WILLIAM RIGBY 7. |
| JAMES WILDBLOOD 4. | TOM SHONE Tenor. |

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble. | WILLIAM SHORT 4. |
| WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 2. | ALFRED DAVIES 5. |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3. | ROBERT E. SPARKES .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by the tenor-man, who is one of the local band.

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| ALFRED ROUTLEY* .. Treble. | *WALTER WORGAN 5. |
| FREDERICK ILEY 2. | †GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6. |
| JOHN HARRIS* 3. | GEORGE PRUEN 7. |
| JAMES DUNN* 4. | *JAMES CORAM Tenor. |

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal on the bells by a local band. *First peal. *First peal as conductor.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

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On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| T. BECKWITH* Treble. | W. NEWTON 5. |
| J. W. NEWTON 2. | T. METCALFE 6. |
| REV. A. W. LISTER† .. 3. | T. STEPHENSON 7. |
| JAS. BAXTER 4. | *W. J. WRIGHT Tenor. |

Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First in the method. †First with a bob bell. Rung on the birthday of Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARTHUR ROBINSON .. Treble. | MORRIS A. TURNER .. 3. |
| MATTHIAS HOBBS 2. | THOMAS ABBOTT 4. |
| JOHN K. MAIN | JOHN K. MAIN Tenor. |

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

A. Robinson was proposed a member previous to starting.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| FREDERICK TAYLOR .. Treble. | CHARLES W. SMITH .. 3. |
| WILLIAM EDWARDS 2. | GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 4. |
| JOHN HIGGINS | JOHN HIGGINS Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN HIGGINS.

First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, the "go" being excellent.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. Treble. | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 4. |
| REV. A. G. LANGDON .. 2. | †HENRY WALLACE 5. |
| ERNEST A. OVERALL .. 3. | BARNARD PATMORE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

†First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HENRY CLAYDON .. Treble. | GEORGE ARNOLD 4. |
| JAMES FLEUTY 2. | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5. |
| WALTER BURST 3. | ERNEST RIDGWELL .. Tenor. |

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

First peal on the bells, and rung on the first anniversary,

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt, 21 lbs. in F.

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| WALTER G. ROWE, R.E. .. Treble. | WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4. |
| HENRY W. WILKES* .. 2. | WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3. | CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040 on six bells; also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), for so readily granting permission, and also in kindly entertaining the band to an excellent tea before starting for the peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| HARRY PRICE Treble. | JOHN BASS 5. |
| ALFRED J. WALLATER* .. 2. | WILLIAM FISHER .. 6. |
| GEORGE HUGHES .. 3. | ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7. |
| JOSEPH PIGOTT 4. | HERBERT KNIGHT .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| RHYS M. HOWES Treble. | FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 5. |
| JOHN EVANS 2. | RALPH H. BIGGS .. 6. |
| ARTHUR G. JAMES .. 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| HARRY STAFFORD .. 4. | FREDERICK E. TUCKER .. Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, and College Pleasure. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WALES Treble. | ARTHUR TULLETT .. 4. |
| JOHN AKERHURST .. 2. | CHARLES TAYLOR .. 5. |
| FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 3. | FREDK. W. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor. |

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| FREDK. G. GODDARD .. Treble. | C. CAREW COX .. 5. |
| JOHN HOWES 2. | THOMAS BEADLE .. 6. |
| ALBERT H. WHITTINGTON 3. | *GEORGE SPENCER .. 7. |
| JAMES N. FROSELL .. 4. | JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

*First peal with a bob bell, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN.* .. Treble. | †FREDERICK BENNETT .. 6. |
| CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2. | GEORGE F. HOAD .. 7. |
| ALFRED F. WINCH .. 3. | HENRY L. GARFATH .. 8. |
| CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4. | ALFRED H. PULLING .. 9. |
| MAURICE SMITHER* .. 5. | FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor. |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Bob Royal.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| H. A. PHILLIPS Treble. | C. SUMMERS 4. |
| W. HOYLES 2. | C. GREEDY 5. |
| G. STACEY 3. | H. MOORE Tenor. |

Conducted by H. MOORE.

First peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three of Oxford Bob, and four of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| FREDERICK OSBORNE* .. Treble. | HARRY GOODWIN .. 4. |
| ARTHUR BURR* .. 2. | JAMES FORD .. 5. |
| WILLIAM WENBAN* .. 3. | †DENIS J. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor. |

Conducted by D. J. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wenban, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE GRANT Treble. | JOSIAH HARRIS 5. |
| JOHN W. WHITING .. 2. | GEORGE W. GRAHAM .. 6. |
| SIDNEY CHURCHER .. 3. | EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7. |
| FREDERICK BUBNETT .. 4. | *ALBERT MILLARD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWIN J. HARDING.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Chappell, foreman of the Wickham band, who unfortunately could not stand in at the last moment on account of illness.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

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| GEORGE JONES Treble. | HENRY W. WILDE .. 5. |
| ROBERT SPERRING .. 2. | EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 6. |
| JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 3. | EDWARD ROWLANDS .. 7. |
| REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4. | JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor. |

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Guild.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John, South Hackney, on January 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The practice will not be held at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. Members please note the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Particulars later.

T. H. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3, Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. The Lancashire and Yorkshire trip will leave Halifax and Bradford at 11.40, picking up en route, through Pontefract. See official bills.

JNO T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 3 till 8. Tea at 5 o'clock.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddons. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1908 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. In accordance with the decision of the Central Committee, no travelling allowances will be paid to members attending this meeting, but will be paid to a subsequent meeting, the particular meeting to be decided on at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 5 p.m., at Hobbs', South Street.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Workmen's Hall, 5. Meeting at the Parish Room after.

Fareham. J. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—The next meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know by Tuesday, January 28th.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*
50, Garden Street, Kettering.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 1st. Service in St. Thomas's church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me by Wednesday, January 29th. The tower bells (10) will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bransford, Worcester.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in St. Mary's Mission Hall, Lacy Road, High Street, Putney, by kind permission of the Vicar. Owing to the closing of Fulham tower for repairs, the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, will be available from 4 to 5.30, by kind permission of the Rector. Tea in St. Mary's Mission Hall (9d. each), at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. The bells of St. Mary's, Putney, will be available after the meeting. It is particularly requested that those intending to be present will please write not later than January 29th to

WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Warwick Road, Earls Court.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Sidcup on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with an address by the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin, Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. John's Hall after the service. The Vicar will provide light tea for those who send me in their names by Tuesday, January 28th. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Tilling's motor buses run close to the church. Important business will be brought forward.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, Adeinde Road, Chislehurst.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, February 1st. Tea at 5 p.m. Members taking tea are requested to inform Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, by January 29th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, February 1st. Bells at both churches will be by kind permission of the respective incumbents, be open at 3.30 p.m. A service will be held at Christ Church at 5 p.m., at which all members are invited to attend. Tea will take place at the Town Dining Rooms, opposite the clock, at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will follow, at which important business will be discussed.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, at Newcastle-under-Lyme. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. James Whitfield, 13, Back Brampton,

Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Wednesday, January 29th.

Rev. E. V. Cox, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at Boyne Hill. The bells of All Saints church will be available after two o'clock p.m. A short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Drummond, Vicar of All Saints. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting at 6. Members intending to be present kindly inform the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Hon. Secretary, Farnham Royal Rectory, Slough.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30 p.m. to be followed by the business meeting. The tea will be 9d. per head, and I would be much obliged if members would intimate their intention of being present beforehand. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

St. Mary's Guild, Portsmouth.—At a meeting held on January 11th, the Rev. C. W. Scott in the chair, Mr. E. J. Harding was elected foreman, and Mr. J. M. Turner Secretary of the band. The practices were arranged for Saturday nights at 8 p.m. until further notice. In future all communications respecting the above Guild to be addressed to J. M. Turner, Esq., "Southmill," Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The future address of W. Page will be 51, St. John's, Worcester. —The address of G. R. Newton is Hillside Lodge, Acrefield Road, Woolton, Lancashire.

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By H. W. WILDE, *Belgrave.*

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Obituary.

ISAAC HITCHMAN.

During November last the death occurred of Isaac Hitchman of Harwell, Berks. He had acted up till the winter of 1903-4 as foreman of the local band for some twenty-five years or more. He assisted for the last time in ringing out the old year and ringing in the new during that winter, but owing to failing health was obliged to give up the exercise subsequently, though his death occurred at a comparatively early age, some fifty years. After 1887 when the bells at the parish church were rehung, he was one, with four of his brothers, and others of a good six bell band, coached by the late Mr. Alfred Thomas, at one time Secretary to the St. Martin's society, Birmingham, and was a very good striker at the heavy end in Minor ringing. He was a wheelwright

and undertaker, and for the last few years landlord of The White Hart inn, Harwell, formerly kept by Alfred Thomas. The parish church bells were rung muffled in his memory, and in that of his mother, who also passed away a few days after him.

GEORGE ALEXANDER.

The remains of George Alexander, the oldest inhabitant of Capel St. Mary, Suffolk, and one of the oldest ringers known, was laid to rest in the churchyard on Saturday afternoon. Deceased was in his 99th year. Although only a treble ringer he dearly loved bells and would sit hours in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower at Ipswich. For 46 years he was a Schoolmaster at Bentley, Capel and Hinton, being at Capel when the old school was struck by lightning in 1854.

The Rev. A. Cecil Johnson (Rector), conducted the rites.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

On New Year's day the ringers of St. Michael's Guild were entertained to dinner at The Boar's Head hotel, by Mr. Charles H. Howard (churchwarden). Rev. J. W. Kenworthy (Vicar), and Rev. H. Jordan (curate), P. V. Hawkes (Vicar's warden), L. J. Alden (synodsmen), J. Newman (organist), and the two vergers were also present. After dinner the evening was spent in toast and song and selections on the hand-bells, Rev. H. Jordan, Messrs. Alden, Fuller, Hammond, and Roper contributing. In thanking Mr. Howard for annually entertaining the ringers, the Vicar stated the Guild wished him to say the kindness was very much appreciated by them.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

On Thursday, January 2nd, the ringers and choir of St. Andrew's Church, Simpson, Bucks., were kindly entertained at the Rectory by the Rev. W. Rice. At 7-30 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Rector. After supper dancing was indulged in, a very enjoyable time being spent. The Fenny Stratford Town Prize band, which was in attendance, played suitable music throughout the evening. Cheers were given for the Rector who had entertained the party so loyally. After singing Auld lang syne and God save the King, the company dispersed.

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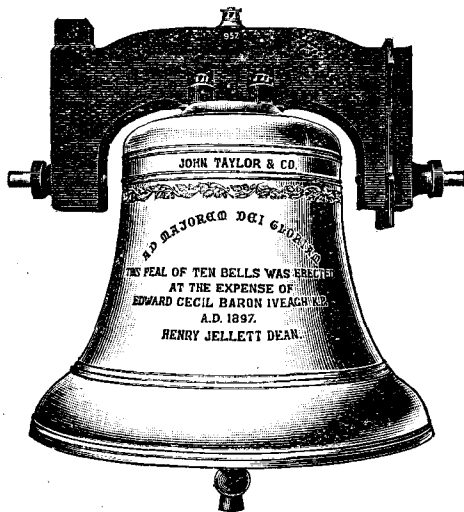
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL.—On Monday, December 25th, for practice at the parish church, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Potter, W. Howell, A. Shuffebotham, E. P. Buckingham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. On Thursday, November 28th, for a wedding, 1008 Bob Major, 1024 Oxford, 784 Double Norwich, and 960 Kent. R. Potter, W. Howell, W. Dyer, A. Shuffebotham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins., composed by J. Bradley. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, A. Neale, J. Moule, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, G. Hayden, G. Potter. On Sunday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, was rung for evening service, in 50 mins. composed by H. J. Tucker. W. Doran conductor, S. Hayes, J. Moule, R. Saunders, H. Torble, A. Scambler, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, W. Theobald, G. Potter.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,297,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,414. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | £ | s. | d. | ASSETS. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|--|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| Shareholders' Capital | .. | .. | .. | 1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | British Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 3,415,976 | 13 | |
| Reserve Funds | .. | .. | .. | 2,300,000 | 0 | 0 | Indian and Colonial Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 6,156,247 | 4 | |
| Life Assurance Funds | .. | .. | .. | 60,470.43 | 4 | 1 | Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| Claims under life policies admitted | .. | .. | .. | 116,576 | 18 | 11 | and gold and sterling bonds | .. | .. | .. | 7,743,842 | 19 | |
| | | | | | | | Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates | .. | .. | .. | 14,091,357 | 12 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties | .. | .. | .. | 4,501,678 | 8 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold and leasehold property | .. | .. | .. | 3,560,244 | 13 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | 7,975,178 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Railway, Gas and Water Stocks | .. | .. | .. | 7,404,984 | 18 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | Suez Canal shares | .. | .. | .. | 163,709 | 13 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Telegraph and other shares | .. | .. | .. | 97,420 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| | | | | | | | London bonds | .. | .. | .. | 257,901 | 11 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Bank of England stock | .. | .. | .. | 202,756 | 18 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks | .. | .. | .. | 1,564,957 | 14 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Foreign Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 1,539,459 | 7 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Reversions and Life Interests | .. | .. | .. | 1,220,637 | 14 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Loans on the Company's Policies | .. | .. | .. | 2,372,768 | 10 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Rent Charges | .. | .. | .. | 278,523 | 13 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding premiums and agents' balances | .. | .. | .. | 544,207 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding interest and rents | .. | .. | .. | 515,685 | 7 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Cash—In hands of superintendents | .. | .. | .. | 35,973 | 11 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand | .. | .. | .. | 183,495 | 18 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | £63,887,008 | 3 | 0 |

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.
J. W. SIMMONDS, } Directors.
J. H. LUSCOMBE }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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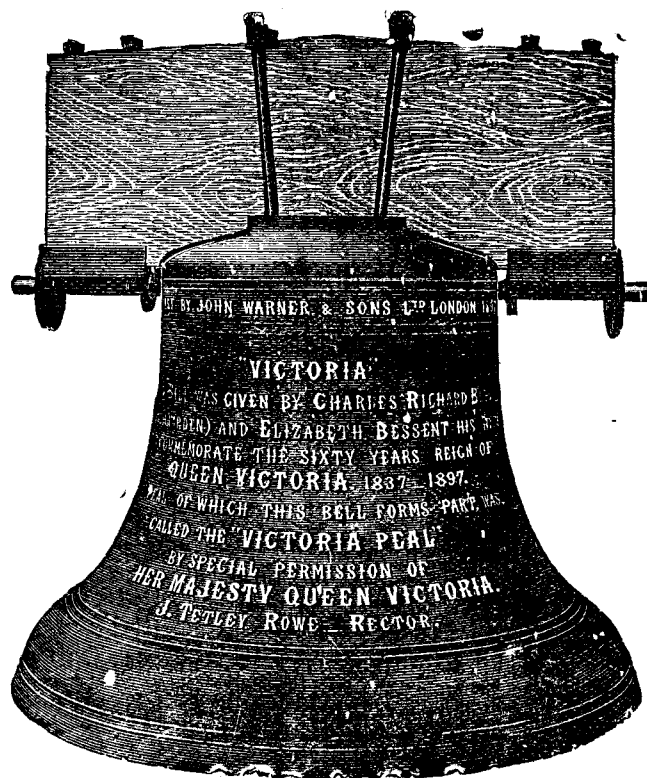
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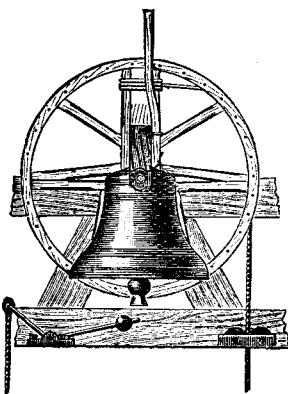
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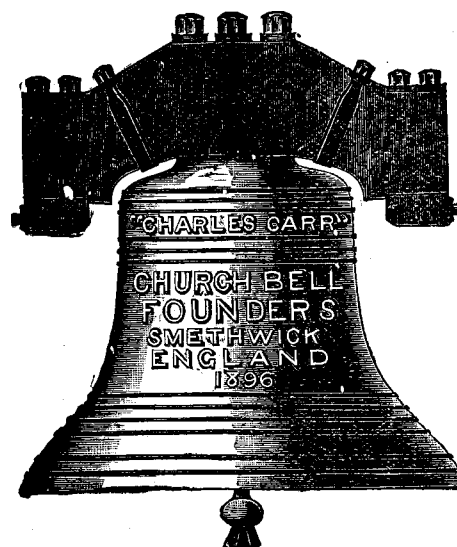
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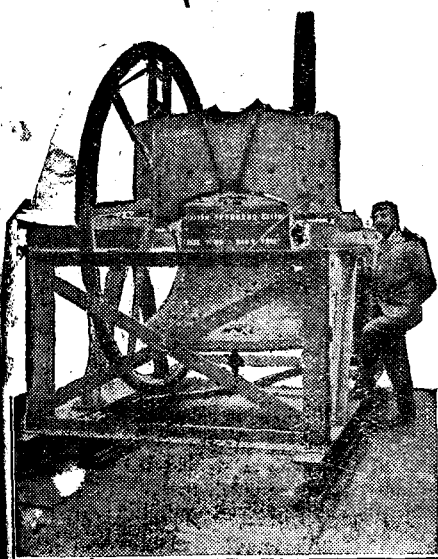
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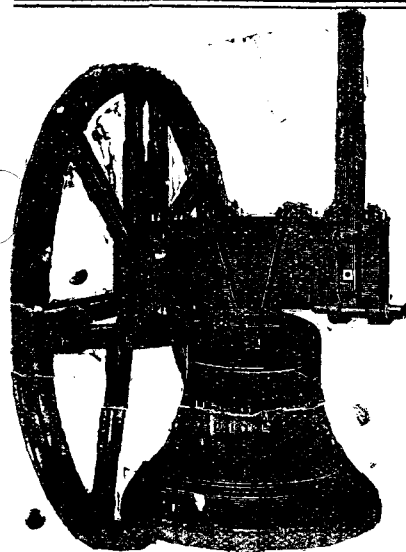
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SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The following account of the dedication of a new ring of eight bells at Silverdale parish church has been delayed through the absence of the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Vaughan) in foreign parts. On his return he immediately sent the following report, chiefly taken from a local paper:—

The patronal festival of St. Luke, and the fifty-fourth dedication festival of the church, was marked by the dedication of an entirely new ring of bells. The peal will cost about £500, the greater portion of which has been raised during the past twelve months, an achievement of which the villagers have every reason to be proud. The energetic manner in which the Vicar has thrown himself, heart and soul, into the scheme, has in a great measure contributed to the success which has attended it, and it is a great source of gratification to him, and to all who have worked so hard in the cause, that at the time of the dedication festival there remained only £130 to be raised.

The arrival of the new bells was the occasion of some striking scenes. The bells were placed on two gaily-decorated lorries, and preceded by a band, were drawn round the village. A procession followed, consisting of church officials, school children carrying flags, and subscribers, also a troupe of morris-dancers. The procession was witnessed by the greater part of the population, few amongst whom had not contributed or helped in some way towards the object.

The bells were supplied and fixed by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The tenor, in A flat, weighs 9½ cwt. They are hung in an iron frame, suspended on steel joists, and are all on one level, the space available being some 11 feet square. The inscriptions are the first lines of the Canticles, in Latin; and the names of the Vicar, curate, and churchwardens. The bells go admirably.

At the dedication service many of the neighbouring clergy were present, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent performing the ceremony. The robed clergy and choir marched in solemn procession to the church, where a large congregation had assembled. The service commenced with the singing of Psalm xxiv., after which the remainder of the office for the dedication of bells was proceeded with. The preacher was the Rev. C. D. Rae, Rector of Leigh, and formerly Vicar of Silverdale, who delivered a most appropriate address.

After service, a public tea was held in the schoolroom, under the presidency of Mr. B. Stanier, of Market Drayton. The repast over, the chairman said he had been asked to perform a very pleasant duty. He wanted to congratulate Silverdale as a town, to congratulate Silverdale as a people, and last, but not least, the Vicar, from whose untiring energy the fund grew which had enabled them to have the bells rung that day. At the conclusion of an interesting speech the chairman proposed that they wish the bells of Silverdale the heartiest success in their ringing, coupling the wish with the name of the Vicar, as if they had not had the Vicar, there would have still been a Silverdale without bells.

The Vicar, in responding, said that it was a proud day

for Silverdale, and a day to carry on in the annals of futurity with respect to their generation and the ecclesiastical work of their time. They had every reason to be proud of their work, because it was a year's work, and that was a very short time indeed to collect a sufficient sum of money for a peal of bells. The work had been in his mind ever since he had been their Vicar—some eight or nine years—and having discovered by enquiry from the diocesan architect that the tower, despite rumours to the contrary, would easily stand a peal of bells, he determined that it should have one. They had succeeded by united effort in raising the large sum of money necessary. The bells would bind together a band of men who would become church officials, a band of men who Sunday after Sunday would work for God's honour and glory. He thanked all for the hearty co-operation he had met with from every one, and was grateful to their kind friends, and Mr. Stanier, on the consummation of their great effort.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The bells of St. Mary's church having been in a very bad condition for some years, in fact almost unringable, and the organ also very much worn and out of tune, the authorities sormed a committee and, early in 1907, issued an appeal to the parishioners and others interested in the church for funds to enable them to undertake the re-modelling and enlarging of the organ and the rehanging of the bells. The response to the appeal was such that the committee were encouraged to put the work in hand shortly after the appeal was issued, and had the satisfaction of seeing it completed before the end of the year. The bells, a ring of eight by Rudhall, cast in 1726, tenor 19½ cwt., have been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, with entirely new fittings throughout. The quarter-turning and proper adjusting of the clappers has much improved the tone of the bells, while the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired, and Messrs. Barwell are to be congratulated on the highly-efficient manner in which they have carried out the work. A peal of Grand-sire Triples was successfully brought round on January 25th, which will be found in another column.

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LAUNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

New Year's Day, 1908, will be well remembered both by the inhabitants of Launton and by the ringers of Witney, for by the kind invitation of the Rev. W. M. Miller, Vicar of Launton, and formerly curate of Witney, the ringers of his old curacy were entrusted with the task of ringing at the re-opening ceremony of the clock and bells, which form such a beautiful addition to the parish church of Launton. The work of recasting the old five bells, adding a treble and putting in a clock and chimes, has been well carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the result, from a ringer's standpoint, is a musical little ring of six with a tenor of 7 cwt., quite big enough for the little tower.

Previous to the service of dedication, which was performed by the Archdeacon of Oxford, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Miller and Rev. F. E. Robinson, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and afterwards 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Then followed the first 720 of Minor on the bells in the Grandsire method, conducted by J. Monk, foreman of the Witney ringers. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. Jenkyn, T. Bull, J. Monk. Some more 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman and a touch of Bob Minor brought the ringing to a close. Among those who took part in the ringing besides those mentioned were Archdeacon Houlton, of Oxford, Messrs. Cyril Johnston and F. L. Taylor (Croydon) J. Brooks and J. Richards (Witney). The ringers were most kindly entertained to lunch and tea by the Vicar, the Rev. W. M. Miller.

LLANOVER, NEAR ABERGAVENNY.

On Friday, January 24th, the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild rang at St. Bartholomew's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: O. Smart, F. S. Wilson, W. Short conductor, W. Horsington, L. S. Griffiths. On handbells, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. W. Horsington, 1-2; W. Short, 3-4; O. Smart, 5-6; F. S. Wilson, 7-8. First change-ringing on the bells.

The beautiful bells at this church have just been recast and rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and the "go" of them is excellent. The entire cost of restoring them has been very kindly undertaken by the Hon. Mrs. Herbert, of Llanover Court, for which the inhabitants of Llanover are very thankful. The handbells, a very musical peal of 12, have only recently been presented to the church by Mr. T. Probert, of Abergavenny, who is probably the oldest ringer in Monmouthshire, being in his 80th year. He was one of the first to ring on the newly-restored bells at Llanover a week or two ago.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of this Society was held at the parish church, Darlaston, when a good muster of members were present from the following towers in the Archdeaconry: West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, Tipton, Handsworth, Wombourne, Bradley, Lichfield, and other places. The bells were started about three o'clock and kept going during the afternoon and evening, some touches in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative being brought round. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, an address being delivered by the Rector, which was very attentively listened to by the members. An adjournment was then made to the Girls' Institute, where a committee meeting was held, some new members being elected and some tower elections ratified. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Burton on May 2nd. Tea being in readiness the members to the number of forty-nine done ample justice to it. A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to the Rector for his address in church, and for the use of the bells; and to the ladies who had so kindly got up the tea and attended at the tables; also to Miss Mills, who very kindly lent the Institute.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.)

The quarterly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishops Waltham, when there were members present from Fareham, Portsea, Wickham, Swanmore and Bishops Waltham. The Rector, the Rev. A. R. Ryecroft, very generously invited all the ringers to tea at the parish room, at which he presided, the district secretary, Mr. F. Whiting, being in the vice chair. The Rector being unable to be present at the business meeting on account of a service at the church, a vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindly welcome to the ringers on their first visit to Bishops Waltham, also for the use of the bells and the room for the tea and meeting.

The Rector, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the ringers to his parish, remarking that Bishop's Waltham was often a very hard place for people to find, but once found it was a difficult matter for them to get away from, and he was sure his ringers would do their level best to make their visit a success.

The business meeting then followed, Mr. A. E. Grunsell, captain of the local band being voted to the chair. The usual routine of business was gone through. The bells were kept going to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Treble Bob. A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. A. E. Grunsell and C. Richards, of the local band, for arranging all the local matters in connection with the meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING BRANCH.)

A large majority of ringing members attended the Annual Meeting at Wokingham on January 18th. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was also present, and seven clergy of the Deanery.

A bright and hearty service was held at All Saints' church, and a most helpful and stirring address given by the Rev. G. Dangerfield, assistant priest at All Saints,

upon the great duty of having one aim in life, if that life is to be a success, viz., that set before us by our Lord Jesus Christ—the doing our Heavenly Father's business (St. Luke ii. 49).

The members then adjourned to the Church House, where eighty-nine sat down to a substantial tea. The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis in the chair. The Hon Sec. gave a statement of the accounts for the past year, which showed a favourable balance of £2 18s. 3d.

The Chairman congratulated the members upon their success in accomplishing several peals during the year, viz., three at All Saints, Wokingham, two at Sonning, and a series of 120 complete 720s at Sandhurst in various methods. He also stated that the Diocesan Guild was in a prosperous condition, both financially, and as regards the number of its members, and of peals rung during the past year, and that Buckingham was the place proposed for the annual meeting of 1908.

The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings, and by 8 p.m. the company had dispersed, many making their way to the two Wokingham towers for ringing practice.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

In the tower of the above church hangs a fine peal of bells, tenor about 23 cwt., which is considered to be the finest tone for its weight in England (so look out for your laurels, Lavenham, etc.). But sad to relate, they have been silent and left to the owls and bats for a long period, until recently. Mr. Munn, a member of the Kent County Association, took up the appointment as organist there, and he decided to explore the unknown regions, with the result that he found an excellent apparatus for playing tunes on the bells, but sadly out of order. He soon set to work, and after spending a considerable number of his spare hours, succeeded in producing order out of chaos, with the result that every three hours the parishioners are enlivened with some lively tunes proceeding from the tower. Then he invited Mr. C. Tribe, the Hon. District Secretary of the Association, to accompany him in paying a visit of inspection to see if the bells could be rung with any degree of safety, and in due course (in company with Mr. T. Rainbird, in charge of the building of the Sanatorium near there, and one or two others), the visit was made, and with sallies seven feet long, and ropes as big as your arm to raise the tenor, looked a formidable task, but with a long pull and a strong pull it was accomplished. An attempt afterwards to raise the 3rd bell resulted in a complete failure. However it was found that the frame was in fairly good condition, and also the wheels, etc., so it was decided to spend a few hours in cleaning the bearings, oiling, screwing up, etc., which was done, and then an invitation was issued by the Hon. Secretary to several members of the Association, renowned for their Sandow-like strength, to meet there on Saturday week last, and see what could be done in the way of ringing. The bells being raised, a 336 Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished, and to the surprise of all was well struck, but not without some loss of the sweat of the brow by one or two who found they had got anything but a soft job. An adjournment was then made for tea, which needless to say, was much enjoyed by all.

After tea a 504 was rung in the same method, and another 336 with the tenor rung single-handed. Then the bells were lowered in peal. On coming from the tower the ringers were met and sincerely thanked by several of

the parishioners, who were delighted to hear their bells (so long silent) ring out such merry changes. We understand that some time ago a firm of bellhangers were invited down to inspect the bells, and an estimate was sent in for about £300 to put them in proper repair, but as the church has only had an harmonium for the services since 1860, it was thought a new organ was most needed, and so the amount of £500 has just recently been raised by subscriptions, and a new organ ordered, so the money for the bells will have to stand in abeyance for a time to come, but it is hoped the churchwardens will be able to find a few pounds so that slight necessary repairs can be done, and the bells rung occasionally until the money can be got together to put them in thorough order. We understand that already a movement is on foot to form a branch of the Kent County Association there, and to start a band of change-ringers, to which end we wish every success and the more power to their elbows.

The following members took part in the ringing on the above occasion:—Messrs. E. C. and E. Lambert (Horsmonden); W. H. Lambert and F. Rainbird (Benenden); G. Johnson (Appledore); P. Hodgkin (Headcorn); G. Billenness and G. Youngs (Rye); C. Tribe, J. W. Unwin, G. Neve, and J. Mankelow (Tenterden), A. Blackman (Rolvenden); and Mr. Munn (local). T.

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During the year 1907 thirty-five complete 720s of Minor have been rung in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single. The following took part: D. J. Goldsmith, 34, conducted 11; J. Ford, 35, conducted 8; W. Wenban, 34, conducted 5; H. Goodwin, 17, conducted 9; A. Burr, 19; F. Osborne, 29; A. Wenban, 18; J. Austin, 12; G. E. Kettel, 3; M. J. Exeter, 2; W. Peckham, 2; J. Groombridge, 1, conducted 1; S. H. Sone, 1, conducted 1; G. Hadaway, 1; H. Brown, 1; E. H. Newman, 1.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Thursday evening, January 23rd, at the usual weekly practice, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins., being 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, and 108 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, sen., G. Williams conductor. Practices for Double Norwich Major, etc., by the kind permission of the respective Vicars, have been arranged for the third Wednesday in the month at Romsey Abbey, and the first Saturday in the month at St. Michael's, Southampton; but no practices open at these towers during Lent. It is hoped by these practices to raise the standard of change-ringing in this part of the diocese. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. Meeting time at each tower 7 p.m.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ST. SAVIOUR'S BELLS, EASTBOURNE.

SIR,—It is just probable that some ringer now in residence in the above town may reply to your last week's correspondent more definitely than I am able to do. The collective weight of the ring is 5 tons 4 cwt., and I believe I am right in stating that Miss Bayley ("Edna Lyall") the well known writer of "Donovan," "We Two," and "In the golden days," was the donor of 2, 3 and 4, and the Duke of Devonshire gave the tenor, which is said to be 25 cwt., and is in the key of D. I cannot say much as to the "go" of the bells at the present time. I took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire (in 48 mins.) on December 6th, 1896, and at that time the three back bells required a lot of pulling, but improvement in this respect may have been made since then.

WM. LAWRENCE.

"Auburn," Ellthorne, W.

CATALOGUE OF CERTAIN BOOKS AND MSS. CONNECTED WITH CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—In your issue of August 17th, 1907, was published the Draft Catalogue of above with prefatory note inviting criticism. Beyond the correspondence ensuing at the time I am not

aware of any suggestions as to form or matter. As the work of completing the Catalogue is now proceeding the Committee will be glad to consider any suggestion for its improvement which may be published in your columns. R. A. DANIELL.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—I quite agree with the Rev. H. L. James that the settlement of this question is not a personal one, but of the greatest importance to the Exercise in general, and in deciding what is London Royal and Maximus, the rules laid down in the Major method should be adhered to as nearly as possible. No one person should however be allowed to put forward a method and call it "London" if, by the rules of method building, it is not so; and I think the matter should be finally decided by the Method Committee of the Central Council. Let us find out the truth and hand down to posterity the correct thing.

E. BARNETT.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could you kindly inform me through "THE BELL NEWS," whether cases have occurred of attempts by legal means to stop the ringing of bells in practice, peal or competition, and with what result.

A RINGER.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 9th, the choir, ringers and sidesmen of the parish church were entertained to supper by the Rector and churchwardens. The company sat down to a splendid repast, which was served in first-class style. After the cloth had been removed Mr. W. Jack proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for their hospitality that evening, and spoke of the great progress which the old parish church had made since the Rector came eleven years ago, both in its spiritual and material welfare, and he was sure that he was only echoing the sentiments of the choir and ringers in saying that they were all proud to have such a gentleman as the Rector at the head of affairs in the Church life of Norton.

In responding, the Rector thanked all the church workers in every department for their willing and ready help which had greatly facilitated the services of Almighty God, and spoke of the great improvements which had been made in the church in recent years, and he wished personally to thank Mr. E. B. Wain for the valuable suggestions and work which had emanated from that gentleman's prolific brain, evidence of which was to be seen in almost every part of the church. Everything was going on very smoothly, both in the choir and the belfry, under the superintendence of Mr. J. E. Rhodes and Mr. J. E. Wheeldon respectively.

These remarks were ably seconded by the two churchwardens, Messrs. Holdcroft and Ryles.

The rest of the evening was spent in singing, selections on the handbells, sketches, etc., which terminated a very enjoyable evening.

J. E. W.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, BRIERLEY HILL.

On Saturday, January 11th, the local band of ringers, together with Mr. Shakespear's string band were entertained to a dinner by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibden, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

After dinner the Rector said how pleased he was to see so many present, and referred to the good work done by the ringers and band during the past year, and encouraged them still to go on. He wished all present a bright and happy new year.

The band then played selections, and there were songs and solos given by different members, which brought a pleasant evening's enjoyment to a close.

SPALDING.—On Sunday evening, December 29th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 28 mins. R. Mackman, jun., G. Mackman, R. Mackman, sen., J. Mackman, Lance-Corporal Mackman, G. Mackman. The band consisted of father, four sons and nephew.

Handbell Peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1908 in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 110, WHIPPENDALL ROAD, WATFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

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| HUBERT EDEN 1-2. | HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 5-6. |
| GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4. | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8. |

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Charles George. Witness—Thomas Pelling.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 11, FRANCIS ROAD, WATFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

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| HUBERT EDEN 1-2. | GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6. |
| HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 3-4. | FREDK. W. BRINKLOW.. 7-8 |

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—Frederick White and Arthur W. Dix. Witness—Thos. Pelling. The calling of this peal will be found in Snowdon's "Stedman," page 63, and is now rung on handbells for the first time.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—On Tuesday, January 14th, a date touch of 1908 Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 468 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. G. Cross, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, J. R. Truss, W. Brooke, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Rev. Canon James, Rector of the parish.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 18, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 468 Plain Bob. C. J. Baker, C. Tansley, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Drage, E. C. Gobey conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EMBERTON.—On December 31st, 720 College Exercise. W. Sharp, F. W. Booth, J. Lovell, W. Freeman, F. J. Mynard conductor, E. S. Mynard. At midnight, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Mynard, J. Lovell, E. G. Mynard, F. J. Mynard conductor, F. W. Booth, E. S. Mynard. Rung with the bells half-muffled to ring out the old year. To ring in the new year 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Sharp, E. G. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. J. Mynard conductor, F. W. Booth, E. S. Mynard. On January 1st, 720 College Pleasure. W. Sharp, F. J. Mynard conductor, J. Lovell, E. S. Mynard, E. G. Mynard, F. W. Booth. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. G. Mynard, E. S. Mynard conductor, W. Sharp, E. G. Mynard, F. W. Booth, J. Lovell. 720 New London Pleasure. W. Sharp, F. W. Booth, J. Lovell, E. G. Mynard, F. J. Mynard, E. S. Mynard conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, 1296 changes. W. Bates, G. Dawson, F. Hickling, W. Hickling, J. Flowers, B. Sugden, S. Dawson, J. Pagett composer and conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Double

Oxford and 720 Double Court. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. Campling, G. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROCESTER.—On Thursday, December 19th, for practice, 720 Doubles. R. T. Prout, C. East, G. Prout, A. Summers, H. Woodman, A. Ball.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, December 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, 832 Superlative Surprise Major. T. G. Deal, W. Hewitt, F. Bennett conductor, H. Warnett, H. Gummer, W. J. Jefferies, G. H. Daynes, J. E. Davies. At St. Nicholas, Deptford, 608 Superlative by the same band.

HEVER (Kent).—On December 10th, for practice, 720 Kent. W. Leigh, E. Longley, J. Heasman, J. Mulyan, E. Seal, C. Eastman conductor. Another 720, E. Harrington, E. Leigh and A. Belton taking part.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. B. Corden, S. Stilwell, S. Stone, L. Stilwell conductor, L. Corden, P. H. Doick, S. W. Corden, J. Blake. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal in the same method. S. Stilwell, S. Stone, L. Stilwell conductor, J. Blake, S. W. Corden, A. Greenfield, C. Smart, P. H. Doick. Other touches in the same method were rung, conducted by A. Greenfield and P. H. Doick.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Ducker, J. Corrigan, E. Mullins, R. Clifford, R. Hackley, J. Porter, T. Miller conductor, A. Hackley. On December 26th, 1336 Bob Major. J. Porter, E. Mullins, C. Mackenzie, R. Clifford, R. Hackley, J. Perry, J. Collett, W. G. Ellis conductor.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. Buck, A. Castle, B. Bidnell, A. Bray, S. E. Roberts, J. J. Cawdell conductor, C. Castle, G. Gentle.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday evening, December 16th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Harrison, H. Rodmell, A. Naylor, L. Rodmell, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson conductor, T. Whitfield, B. Cooke.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins., in honour of the Ordination jubilee of the Bishop of Hull. J. Peart, C. Jackson, W. Tyson, G. T. Marshall, G. E. Nurse conductor, C. Peart.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 16th, for Divine Service in the evening at All Hallows Barking, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. A. Scambler, S. M. Dodington, W. H. Taffender, E. J. Webb, J. Scholes, W. Truss, T. H. Taffender conductor, A. Joyce.

LEAMINGTON.—On Saturday, January 25th, at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. J. Carter, W. R. Small, W. H. Godden, J. George conductor, T. H. Reeves, J. E. Groves, S. Reeves, J. Hall. The above was rung previous to a peal for the 5.36 p.m. service.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On January 19th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Cosstick, H. Field, J. H. Bray, S. Miller, H. Colbran, G. Penfold conductor. 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Cosstick, Rev. A. A. Evans, S. Miller, G. Penfold, J. H. Bray conductor, T. Field. Rung in honour of Archdeacon Sutton's golden wedding.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On New Year's Eve, at St. Saviour's church 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Little, E. D. Lillywhite, C. J. Bartlett, H. Rumens, F. Butler conductor, T. J. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, L. O. Twist. On New Year's Day, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Townsend, F. Rumens, C. J. Bartlett, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite conductor, H. Rumens, F. Butler, O. L. Twist. On Sunday, January 12th, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. W. Vernham, Vicar of St. James's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. H. Wood, G. B. Lucas conductor, H. Rumens, E. D. Lillywhite, W. J. E. Jones, F. J. Rumens, F. W. Butler, O. L. Twist.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1908.

ON our first news page will be found an account of the dedication of a new ring of eight bells erected at a village named "Silverdale," in the county of Stafford. In connection with this there are one or two features deserving of more than ordinary mention. One cannot help being struck with the attitude of the Vicar—the REV. W. C. VAUGHAN—whom immediately he became incumbent of Silverdale, had the idea of getting a new ring of bells for his church. There were obstacles in his way, apparently the principal one being that the tower was considered unsafe for bells. This is a well-known bogey to bell-enthusiasts, but the Vicar of Silverdale laughed it to scorn, and fortified by the opinion of the diocesan architect, proceeded without delay to have such a praiseworthy object carried out to the letter. In one year after commencing the operation of getting the money together, the bells are in the tower, their dedication performed under happy circumstances, and a peal attempted upon them.

The alacrity shown in this determination to possess a

ring of bells, ought to be an example to others under like circumstances. To sit down and long for the possession of Church bells is hardly the way to get them. Determined and immediate action, combined with unflinching perseverance, are sure to make headway, and continual pegging away will overcome everything. We would like this Silverdale example to be generally imitated; we should soon hear of more Church bells being in position.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1908, in Three Hours,

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| NORMAN DICKINS* .. Treble. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6. |
| CLEMENT GLENN 2. | *GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7. |
| CHARLES W. NUTTALL .. 3. | SIDNEY F. PALMER 8. |
| SAMUEL WESLEY 4. | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 9. |
| GEORGE HOLLIS 5. | WILLIAM J. THYNG .. Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal on ten bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT,

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble. | REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6. |
| EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2. | CHARLES LURRY 7. |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 3. | ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 8. |
| PERCY J. PAINE 4. | GEORGE G. JENKINS 9. |
| STEWART BING 5. | FREDERICK DAVIDSON .. Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

All the above are members of the Cathedral company.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob

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| GEORGE T. CROFT* .. Treble. | GEORGE WOLFE 4. |
| FREDK. C. WEBB 2. | JOHN HARE 5. |
| CHARLES V. HARE 3. | WILLIAM J. CROFT .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

*First peal.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| LAWRENCE CHADBURN .. Treble. | *CECIL BAKER 4. |
| JOSEPH HALL 2. | EDWARD C. GOBEY 5. |
| JOSEPH BAILEY* 3. | SAMUEL WESLEY .. Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the back six after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| A. TURNERTreble. | A. MILES 5. |
| G. BARTLETT 2. | R. MILES 6. |
| W. E. COOMBS 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| W. LONGSEAW 4. | H. COOMBSTenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES (THE NORMAN TOWER),

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| HORACE NORMAN†Treble. | HORACE F. MOORE 5. |
| GEORGE DEBENHAM 2. | ARTHUR E. MOORE 6. |
| HORACE FOULGER† 3. | †PERCY C. LAFLIN 7. |
| ELIJAH BRADFELD† 4. | HARRY A. TURNERTenor. |

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER,
†First peal in the method.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH S. HAWKINSTreble. | JOHN C. TRUSS 5. |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2. | *RICHARD BUCKLAND 6. |
| FREDK. G. BIGGS 3. | RALPH BIGGS 7. |
| JOHN EVANS 4. | JAMES E. DAVISTenor. |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM KEEBLETreble. | THOMAS BETTISON 5. |
| JOHN FLINT 2. | GEORGE W. MOSS 6. |
| JESSE J. MOSS 3. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7. |
| GEORGE W. BEMROSE 4. | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, York, Superlative Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN. ..Treble. | JOSEPH GOACHER 4. |
| REGINALD BLAKE 2. | WILLIAM DAY 5. |
| FREDERICK BENNETT 3. | ALFRED H. PULINGTenor. |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULING.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor in the Guildford District, and by all the band. First peal on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOSEPH BROADLEYTreble | THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 5. |
| ERNEST H. SIMPSON 2 | FRED WALLER 6. |
| ARTHUR GILL 3. | FRED PAGE 7. |
| JOE A. ROSS 4. | JOHN F. MALLABYTenor. |

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by THOS. B. KENDALL

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Nettleton but owing to business could not ring in the peal, all wishing him many happy returns; also to oblige Mr. Mallaby, who was in the district rehanging the bells at Bolton, Bradford.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Old Doubles.

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| JAMES BURGESSTreble. | GEORGE BUCKBY 3. |
| RICHARD WILLIAMSON 2 | THOMAS GARLEY 4. |
| EDWARD CHAPMANTenor. | |

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor; also the first peal on the bells. The above are all local men.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

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| CHARLES MAY*Treble. | THOMAS SELF 5. |
| ALFRED H. WINCH 2. | THOMAS A. SHEUBB 6. |
| WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3. | WILLIAM GEARING 7. |
| DANIEL W. SNELLING 4 | PERCY COOPERTenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOSEPH LANGSTROTH* ..Treble. | WILLIAM L. MASON 5. |
| ARTHUR JONES 2. | CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH 6. |
| WILLIAM TOWNSON 3. | WILLIAM BILLOWS 7. |
| HARRY BIRTWISTIE 4. | WILLIAM D. HILLARY ..Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BILLOWS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

CHESTER.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT SPERRINGTreble. | THOMAS NEWALL 5. |
| GEORGE JONES 2. | JAMES MORGAN 6. |
| JAMES V. WRIGHT* 3. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7. |
| HENRY W. WILDE 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLERTenor. |

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*Proposed a member before starting. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

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| ALFRED J. TURNER Treble. | EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5. |
| JOHN RICE 2 | FRED W. RICE 6. |
| ROBERT J. DAWK 3. | GEORGE A. KING 7. |
| ALBERT D. STONE 4. | KEITH HART Tenor. |

Composed by N. J. Pirstow, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

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| WALTER G. ROWE, R.E. .. Treble. | WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2. | CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 5. |
| CHARLES J. FRAY 3. | WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| ALBERT HARTLEY* Treble. | GEORGE PENFOLD 5. |
| ARTHUR GOWER 2. | GEORGE H. HOWSE 6. |
| JOSEPH SHARP 3. | ERNEST GOWER 7. |
| BENJAMIN HOBBS 4. | CHARLES CRUNDEN .. Tenor. |

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells, January 1888, which was one of seven Minor methods, before the peal was augmented to eight. Messrs. Sharp and Howse rang the same bells they did twenty years ago.

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Court Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| HENRY J. COOK Treble. | FREDERICK C. JORDAN .. 4. |
| THOMAS EDWIN 2 | FRANK COOK 5. |
| HERBERT JORDAN 3 | *JAMES HEMMING .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble. | STEWART BING 5. |
| PERCY P. PAINE 2. | CHARLES LUERY 6. |
| REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3. | FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 7. |
| GEORGE J. JENKINS 4. | EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Balaam on his 79th birthday

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-score of Plain Bob, and thirty 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| THOMAS FIELD* Treble. | JOHN H. BRAY 4. |
| GEORGE PENFOLD 2. | *HERBERT COLBKAN .. 5. |
| HENRY J. FIELD* 3. | *CHARLES FIELD Tenor. |

Conducted by G. PENFOLD.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton, Vicar of Pevensey, who was married on January 19th, 1858.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. Treble. | CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 5. |
| WILLIAM SEELEY† 2. | *CHARLES TURNER .. 6. |
| ALFRED G. KEDWELL .. 3. | STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 7. |
| HERBERT A. PETTS 4. | WILLIAM H. WOOD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the accession of King Edward VII.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ERNEST MCWILLIAM .. Treble. | GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5. |
| ALFRED CHAPMAN 2. | WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6. |
| JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3. | GEORGE W. STEEL .. 7. |
| J. W. T. HOLGATE 4. | WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor. |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the Vicar, the Rev W. B. Pierson, who died suddenly while attending an Education meeting.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

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| JOHN CARTER Treble. | THOMAS H. REEVES .. 5. |
| WILLIAM R. SMALL 2. | JAMES GEORGE 6. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3. | SAMUEL REEVES 7. |
| JAMES E. GROVES 4. | SIDNEY H. JESSOP .. Tenor. |

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

All the above are members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. This is the first peal rung in Leamington, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Buck), for granting the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. Hall (steeplekeeper), for having everything in readiness.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

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| WALTER J. COPE* .. Treble. | EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 5. |
| ARTHUR BOWLER 2. | †FREDERICK E. COPE .. 6. |
| JOHN C. ADAMS 3. | FREDERICK J. COPE .. 7. |
| JOSEPH KEY 4. | JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John, Hackney, on February 4th and 18th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 13th and 27th; St. Magnus on the 6th and 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 27th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark. The following arrangements are subject to the final approval of the Chapter. The tower (12 bells), will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5, followed by an address. Business meeting in the Chapter House, St. Thomas's Street, at 6.45. The tower will then be again open from 8.45. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 bells (3 minutes), will be open from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., and immediately after the business meeting. All members are requested to attend. Definite announcement next week.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—The next meeting will be held at Kettering to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

50, Garden Street, Kettering.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service in St. Thomas's church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. The tower bells (10) will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st, in St. Mary's Mission Hall, Lacy Road, High Street, Putney, by kind permission of the Vicar. Owing to the closing of Fulham tower for repairs, the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, will be available from 4 to 5.30, by kind permission of the Rector. Tea in St. Mary's Mission Hall (9d. each), at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. The bells of St. Mary's, Putney, will be available after the meeting. Wm. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Warwick Road, Earls Court.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next meeting will be held at Sidcup to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with an address by the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin, Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. John's Hall after the service. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Tilling's motor buses run close to

the church. Important business will be brought forward.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tea at 5 p.m. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Epsom to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells at both churches will by kind permission of the respective incumbents, be open at 3.30 p.m. A service will be held at Christ Church at 5 p.m., at which all members are invited to attend. Tea will take place at the Town Dining Rooms, opposite the clock, at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will follow, at which important business will be discussed. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Rev. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*

J. JOHNSON,

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, February 7th, at 8.15.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at Boyne Hill. The bells of All Saints church will be available after two o'clock p.m. A short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Drummond, Vicar of All Saints. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting at 6. Members intending to be present kindly inform the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Hon. Secretary, Farnham Royal Rectory, Slough.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tea will be 9d. per head, and I would be much obliged if members would intimate their intention of being present beforehand. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Paulton on Saturday, February 8th, in the National Schools. Tea and business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m. Bells available all day.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alresford on Saturday, February 8th. The bells at Old and New Alresford will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, February 8th. Re-opening of the bells. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 8th. Bells

ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Cambridge University Guild.—A meeting to elect a Representative on the Central Council will be held in the President's rooms, Trinity College, on Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 9 p.m. A. N. CLAXTON, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, February 15th. Tea at 4.45, 6d. each, to those who let me know by the 12th inst. ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 15th. Service in St. Mary's church at 6 p.m. Supper at Phillips' dining rooms, Duke Street, at 7.15 p.m. To ringers whose subscriptions for 1907 are paid, rs. The bells of St. Laurence will be available for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's, from 5 to 6 p.m. Foremen of towers should let me know the number of ringers who intend to be present not later than Wednesday, February 12th.

A. W. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 15th. Tea at The White Lion at 5.50. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than the 13th inst. J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Mary's Guild, Portsmouth.—At a meeting held on January 11th, the Rev. C. W. Scott in the chair, Mr. E. J. Harding was elected foreman, and Mr. J. M. Turner Secretary of the band. The practices were arranged for Saturday nights at 8 p.m. until further notice. In future all communications respecting the above Guild to be addressed to J. M. Turner, Esq., "Southmill," Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By WM. L. MASON, *Skipton.*

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to show some appreciation for his kindly acts, his peaceful nature, and for the enthusiasm he had put into his work for the welfare of the company.

Mr. C. W. Clarke then presented Mr. Hills with a silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, as a token of the love and regard of the company. The toast was then given with musical honours and cheers.

Mr. Hills expressed the surprise and pleasure he felt, and with deep emotion thanked the company.

On the toast of "The Clergy and Churchwardens" being honoured, Mr. Hills and Chasty spoke with pleasure of the interest that the Rev. Lambert Woodard and the churchwardens took in the company, and sympathetic utterances were made with regard to the illness of Mr. Bull.

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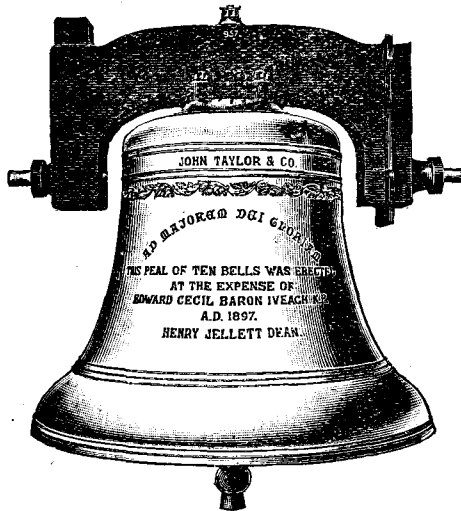
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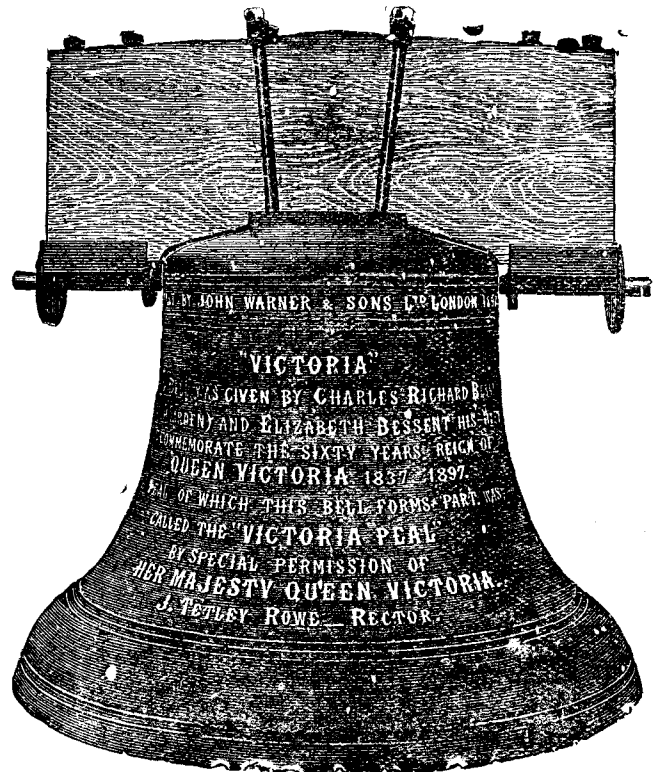
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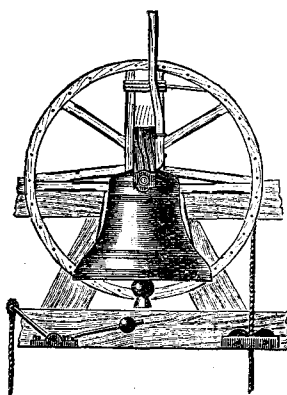
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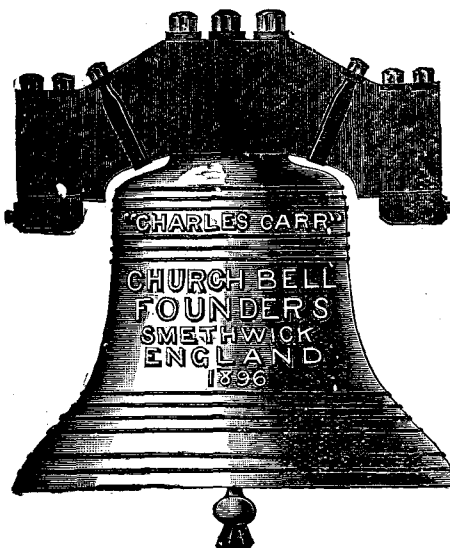
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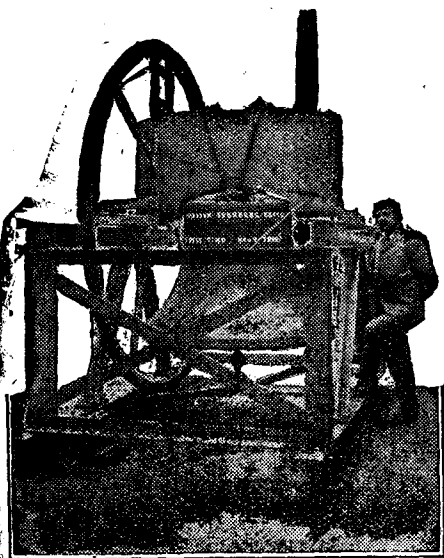
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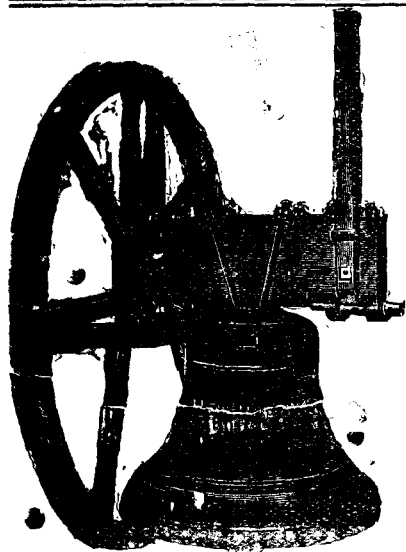
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LONDON SURPRISE.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

I notice that Mr. May says that he proposes to bring this matter before the method committee of the Central Council, and ask for a decision. I sincerely trust he will do nothing of the sort. We have no authority to attempt to settle any particular disputes between ringers unless the Council gave us definite instructions to do so. And that the Council is not likely to do. Besides, two of our members, and those not the least important, are already committed on the subject by published methods which they claim to be correct London Royal. Still if I may give my personal opinion as a contribution to the discussion, I should like to say a few words. After carefully considering the matter I think that not one of the rival methods is genuine London Royal, but that if one is to have the title, it should go to Mr. Lindoff's variation.

When you are transferring a method from one number of bells to another, the one and only thing that you must do, next to seeing that the treble's path is not altered, is to see that the places in the new variation are the exact counterpart of the places in the old. Look after the places, and the hunting, dodging, and snapping will look after themselves. What places you have in the original variation you must have in the new. You may not add, nor may you subtract. I say you may not add: but by that I do not mean that you may not have a larger number of places. Sometimes extending a method from, say eight bells to ten, means that the places in the eight-bell variation must be extended in the ten-bell variation; but these fresh places must be distinct and clear developments of the places in the original. For instance: in Treble Bob Major you have a series of second's place made. In Treble Bob Royal this series consists of more places than in the Major, but they are a clear and distinct development of the places in the Major. Were you in the Royal to make fifth's place, that would be what I have called a "fresh" place.

Another point is this. The position of a place is determined by its relation to the treble, and not by its distance from lead. For instance, fifth's place in Double Bob Minor corresponds to seventh's place in Double Bob Major, because each is made next to the treble behind.

When you want to compare methods the best way is first to draw a line along the path of the treble, and then to mark the places. You need take no further notice of the other bells. If the places are alike, the work of all the bells will be alike. If the places are different, the work of the bells will be different.

After these preliminaries, and having marked the places

in the different variations, we may turn to London Surprise. The first point to notice is that both in Minor and Major every place with one exception is made immediately next the treble's path. By that I mean that, when a place is made below the treble, that bell strikes over the bell making the place at least once out of the two blows that makes the place. And when a place is made above the treble, the bell making the place strikes at least one of the two blows over the treble. The one place that is not made next the treble's path is when the treble lies its whole pull behind, and fourth's place counted from behind is made. Any method that has a place made away from the treble's path beside this place cannot be London Surprise. Now take the places along the treble's path, and first those above the treble. In Minor there are three in each half-lead, and one (second's) across the parting of the leads. They are as follows:—

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |

In Major these four places are exactly reproduced and no more are made above the treble. Consequently in true Royal these four places must be made, and NO MORE. In the different variations published the week before last Mr. Law James has these four places and these alone. Mr. Bankes James, Mr. Lindoff, and Mr. Catchpole have all additional places, and Mr. Lindoff and Mr. Catchpole have places made away from the treble's pats. Consequently ABOVE the treble Mr. Law James's version is the only one that is proper London Royal.

Below the treble the places are arranged in both Minor and Major in an irregular sort of regularity along the treble's path throughout the lead. Consequently, as a lead of Royal is longer than a lead of Major, the Major places must be extended in Royal. Seconds is made when the treble is dodging in 3-4. Then thirds and fourths. Then when the treble is passing from fifths to eighths you get the following places:—

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
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Since the Royal places must be the extension of the Major places in Royal when the treble passes from sevenths to tenths you must have a repetition of these places, AND NO OTHERS. Mr. Bankes James has these places,

and no more. Mr. Law James has only three out of the four, and has in addition two places made away from the treble's path. Mr. Lindoff and Mr. Banks James both make the fourths place from behind at the treble's whole pull. Mr. Law James omits it. Mr. Lindoff omits the first second's place (when the treble dodges in 3-4). Consequently Mr. Banks James' version is the only one that is pure London Royal BELOW the treble. You may say after this why not take Mr. Law James' version above the treble, and Mr. Banks James' below the treble, and put them together, and so have pure London Royal. You would do so. Mr. James prints such a method the week before last, but unfortunately it is illegitimate, which seems to prove, which does in fact prove that there is no legitimate London Surprise Royal. Really the best way would be to name each variation afresh, and let them stand on their own merits. They are all good first-class methods. But I am afraid that cannot be. This is a case where there is clearly something in a name. The prestige that hangs to London Surprise is so great, that a Royal method with its name is sure to be thought more of than if it were called anything else. We must therefore choose between two or three bad variations of the Major method. If we have to choose between Mr. Lindoff's and Mr. Law James' versions, we find this. In a lead Mr. Lindoff is guilty of four sins of Commission, and one of Omission. The balance is therefore slightly in Mr. James' favour. It is nothing to the point that Mr. James' version is pure London till the treble gets into 9-10, a sin there is as bad as a sin anywhere else. But besides this Mr. Lindoff's version has been rung, and according to the old and sound tradition of the Exercise that gives it a strong claim for recognition which the other has not. So on the whole Mr. Lindoff's version, though not pure London Surprise Royal, must pass in default of a better.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

REPLY TO ENQUIRY

SIR,—I see in your last issue an enquiry by a correspondent who describes himself as "A Ringer," whether cases have occurred by legal means to stop, in effect, change-ringing.

I had occasion to consider this matter a few years ago, and I am therefore able to inform your correspondent that unless something has lately happened which has escaped my observation, I am not aware of any action having been taken in this connection since.

The only cases which are quoted in books, so far as I know are

- (1). The case of "Martin and Nutkin" which I have not got the opportunity of referring to at the moment, but which to the best of my recollection was decided about 200 years ago, and had really nothing to do with bells any more than with any other subject which could be made a means of contract binding upon local authorities.
- (2). Then there is the case of Soltan and de Held, which is otherwise known as the Clapham bell-ringing case, in which an injunction was granted against a person or persons for sticking a bell on the top of his house, and kicking up such a row with it

that the neighbours complained they could not hear one another speak.

Obviously such cases as these have nothing to do with the ordinary conditions where bells are hung in a suitable tower and boxed in with louvres, the conditions under which change-ringing is carried on.

R. A. DANIELL.

February 5th, 1908.

BELLRINGERS' SUPPER.

"D'YE KEN YON PEAL?"

On a recent Tuesday evening the ringers of St. Mary's, Worpleston, held their annual supper at the New Inn, the Rector (Rev. D. C. Tovey), presiding. He was supported by Mr. John Phillips (captain of the ringers), Mr. Duncan Tovey, Mr. G. Claydon, Messrs. F. and J. Keen, and the ringers. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. W. Buckle.

The bells, six in number, which have been in the tower since about 1824, were recently found to be in a dangerous state, the wooden framework on which they are swung having decayed, accordingly a subscription has been raised for the purpose of re-hanging them. £210 is required for the object, and £190 has already been subscribed, without reckoning the proceeds of the entertainment recently organised by the Misses Thompson for that purpose.

The Rector, in proposing the health of the ringers, said that that they were to be congratulated on the way in which the parishioners had responded to the call for subscriptions, and their own personal efforts in canvassing had met with great success. He also thanked them for their good work in the service of the church, and congratulated them on the fact that they had so many young men to carry on the time-honoured traditions of the craft.

The captain, in his reply, said that they had joined the Winchester Diocesan Guild, thereby obtaining benefits and teaching that would otherwise be out of their reach.

During the evening several songs were sung by Messrs. John Phillips, J. Keen, F. Gale, A. Heather, and F. Gwinn. Mr. F. Keen (organist), presided at the piano.

The following verses, written by Mr. Duncan Tovey, were sung by him amid great enthusiasm. They fitted the occasion absolutely, and happily parodied "John Peel," which had just been capitally sung by Mr. W. Snatchfold.

D'ye ken yon peal in the auld kirk tower,

D'ye ken yon peal at the matin hour,

Wi' their voices sweet and full of power,

They call us to kirk in the morning.

For the sound of the bells brought me from my bed,

And when nights are dark they the wand'rer have led;

They ring for a wedding, they toll for the dead,

And they call us to kirk in the morning.

Aye, I ken yon peal, and the auld kirk, too,

The bells and the ringers are staunch and true;

They pull with a will, as Britons should do,

When they call us to kirk in the morning.

D'ye ken yon peal, in the tower so gray,

They've been silent now for many a day;

So pull out your purses and pay, pay, pay,

And ye'll soon hear the bells in the morning.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On December 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. L. Goodenough, F. Blow, B. Wadmore, T. Blow, H. Goodenough, J. C. Dickens, E. Whitbread conductor, C. Gurney. First quarter-peal by a local band for several years.

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STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

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Repeat the calling from the first course-end to the 20th course completes the peal.

*1s, 2, 9s, 15s, 18.

†2, 5, 6, 7, 13s, 15s.

This peal has the 5th twenty times and the 6th eighteen times in 5ths place, also sixteen times each in 6ths place, and the twenty-four 5678s and 6578s at the course-ends, both in the tittums and hand-stroke home position, and it is the first ever composed having these qualities.

BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

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Three times repeated; single mid-way and end. 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths place. Reduced to 5168

by substituting IB IM IH for the three courses bracketed in remaining three parts.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

PITSTOW—HATTERSLEY COMPOSITION.

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It is known that this peal has been unwarrantably spliced together by others than us, and is an illegitimate process. It is taken or derived from two peals which we respectively composed. If the above peal is in any way challenged the person so doing must be charged with wilful ignorance, as the two peals referred to have been prominently before the Exercise for close on twenty years.

N. J. PITSTOW.

Feb. 3, 1908.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

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Five times repeated; single midway and end. 6th her extent in 5ths place and eighteen courses in 6ths place.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By HENRY DAINS.

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BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

5280.

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Five times repeated; omitting bob at home in last course of second, fourth and sixth parts. This peal has the 6th her extent each way in 5-6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

PORTSEA.—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service, 1386 Grandsire Triples (from Shipway), in 53 mins. J. M. Turner, H. Northfield, C. Groves, J. Symonds, H. Burnett, J. Harris, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

CARPENTER and Joiner (26). wants work. Bench, building, or estate. Change-ringer. ALF. MILES, Shipton, Oxford.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John, Hackney, on February the 18th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 13th and 27th; St. Magnus on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 27th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark. The following arrangements have been approved of by the Chapter. The tower (12 bells), will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m. and after 8.30. Service in the Cathedral at 5, followed by an address. Business meeting Chapter House, St. Thomas's Street, at 6.45. The tower will then be again open from 8.45. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 bells (3 minutes), will be open from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., and after 7.30. All members are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, February 8th, at Boyne Hill. The bells of All Saints church will be available after two o'clock p.m. A short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Drummond, Vicar of All Saints. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting at 6.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford to-day, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tea will be 9d. per head, and I would be much obliged if members would intimate their intention of being present beforehand. Short service at 5 p.m. in parish church.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Paulton to-day, Saturday, Feb. 8th, in the National Schools. Tea and business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m. Bells available all day.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alresford to-day, Saturday, February 8th. The bells at Old and New Alresford will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Re-opening of the

bells. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston to-day, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Cambridge University Guild.—A meeting to elect a Representative on the Central Council will be held in the President's rooms, Trinity College, on Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 9 p.m.

A. N. CLAXTON, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, February 15th. Tea at 4.45, 6d. each, to those who let me know by the 12th inst.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 15th. Service in St. Mary's church at 6 p.m. Supper at Phillips' dining rooms, Duke Street, at 7.15 p.m. To ringers whose subscriptions for 1907 are paid, 1s. The bells of St. Laurence will be available for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's, from 5 to 6 p.m. Foremen of towers should let me know the number of ringers who intend to be present not later than Wednesday, February 12th.

A. W. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 15th. Tea at The White Lion at 5.30. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than the 13th inst.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 3.30, business meeting 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (6 bells) on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 5, business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday February 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea at 4.30. All members requiring tea kindly inform me by Feb. 17th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

55, Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East on Saturday, February 29th, by kind permission

of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. All friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 29th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, when the chair will be taken by Charles Henry Hattersley, esq., of Sheffield. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be ringing on the twelve bells at St. Martins from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Tickets free to fully qualified members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 26th, to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

St. Mary's Guild, Portsmouth.—At a meeting held on January 11th, the Rev. C. W. Scott in the chair, Mr. E. J. Harding was elected foreman, and Mr. J. M. Turner Secretary of the band. The practices were arranged for Saturday nights at 8 p.m. until further notice. In future all communications respecting the above Guild to be addressed to J. M. Turner, Esq., "Southmill," Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CHIDDINGFOLD.—H. L. Garfath's 50 Peals.—Seven Minor methods 1; Grandsire Triples 13; Caters 1; Stedman Triples 10; Caters 2; Bob Major 7; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major* 10; Kent Major 1; Royal 1; Superlative Major 3. Total—50. Also took part in a false peal of Bob Royal. *Including a 7392.

EASE DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, January 11th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was made, but after ringing 4592 changes in 3 hrs. it came to grief owing to the indisposition of the 6th ringer. C. Bloy, B. Beckett, H. Secker, B. Whiteside, J. G. Miles, J. Wells, W. Miller, F. Adcock.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—G. R. Newton has removed to 35, Woolton Street, Woolton, Lancashire.

PLUMBER, Gas, and Hot Water Fitter (good). Can turn hand. Wants constant job. Change-ringer on 6, 8, or 10 bells. Conduct or teach young band. F. B., 1, Farmilo Road, Walthamstow.

STEDMAN CATERS BROADSHEETS.

Mr. John Carter, 130, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, will be pleased to send to any composers and conductors his broadsheet if they will send him a stamped addressed envelope.

Handbell Peal.**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, January 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE VICARAGE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

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| HARRY MOSS 1-2. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6. |
| GEORGE W. MOSS .. 3-4. | JESSE MOSS 7-8. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—G. W. Bemrose. First peal on the bells. First peal on handbells by the brothers Moss.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

*On Friday, January 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,***IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

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| HARRY MOSS 1-2. | JOHN FLINT 5-6. |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3-4. | GEORGE W. MOSS .. 7-8. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—J. Moss. First peal on the bells. *First peal on handbells.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On a recent Sunday evening, at the parish church, 768 Double Norwich Major. H. Coote, W. Sadler, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, H. E. Hammond, S. R. Roper, C. H. Howard conductor, E. F. Slade. And 784 Bob Major. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, W. Grimwade, F. Webb, H. J. Collins, S. R. Roper, H. Ridgewell, E. F. Slade.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, December 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1344 changes, in 45 mins. S. Greenwood, C. J. North, G. Edser, G. Huggett, W. Kelly, W. Shepperd, L. Attwater, R. Blanchard conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W. G. Ellis, W. Clifford, jun., J. Collett, W. F. Webb, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, G. Restall.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, at All Saints church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. Fred Hill, H. Day, A. Coppock, Frank Hill, J. Bourne, W. Frost, J. Pagett composer and conductor, H. George.

SOUTHWELL.—On December 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain, J. P. Beeson, T. Foster, E. Foster, H. F. Clulow, A. J. Chamberlain, F. Parker. On Christmas morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain, G. Padgett, jun., T. Foster, J. P. Beeson, H. F. Clulow, E. H. Lewis conductor, E. Foster. On Sunday, December 29, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain, J. P. Beeson, T. Foster, E. H. Lewis conductor, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster, A. J. Chamberlain.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Tuesday, January 28th, at the parish church, 168 and 336 Grandsire Triples, and 504 Stedman Triples. D. T. Russell, L. Russell, T. Russell, A. A. Savage,

G. J. Wright, J. Wahams, W. Hands, N. Hammans, A. E. Reeves conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Russell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

READING (Berks).—For practice at St. Giles's church, on January 20th, 336 Bob Major. J. Goodenough, A. Harding first in the method, N. Cox, E. Hughes, G. Goodship, J. Swain, E. Haynes, A. W. Osborne conductor. 224 in the same method. J. Goodenough, R. Bishop first in the method, L. Green, A. Harding, A. W. Webb, J. Swain, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor. 336 Stedman Triples. R. Bishop, L. Green, N. Cox, E. Haynes, G. Goodship, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne, J. Goodenough. 168 in the same method, G. Wheeler and E. Hughes taking part. On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, Goodship, E. Haynes, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding. For evening service 518 in the same method. A. Durman, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, E. Haynes, H. Neighbour, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding. 168 in the same method. C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne, P. Hickey, G. Goodship, A. Durman.

ANSTEY (Leicestershire).—On Friday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. E. Jackson, A. Mason, A. Bramley, D. Richards, T. Bottrill, W. Bottrill, E. Morris longest length as conductor, S. A. Gelsthorpe.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Christmas morning, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. W. Turner, C. Lamb, D. Gilden, J. W. Kirtton, M. Bend, R. Bend, T. Baker conductor, H. Thorlby. First quarter-peal by all.

BENGEO (Herts).—On February 10th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, which was lost in the last 500 after ringing 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and Kent. Arthur Phillips, E. A. Overall, Albert Phillips, E. A. King, F. W. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Johnson, J. T. Perry, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, T. Collinson composer and conductor, F. Viles, J. F. Smallwood, A. Gardener.

CARDIFF.—On Christmas Eve, at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, O. W. Layng, J. Davies, Sergt. Major M. Dawe, L. Cox, J. Aldridge, W. Biss, conductor, J. Chamberlain. 504 in the same method. W. J. Johnson, O. W. Layng, S. Williams, H. Day, W. Biss conductor, F. Chamberlain, W. Miller, 7; C. Oram.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. John's church, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Elliott, W. D. Smith, A. Hughes, A. Coles, A. Hughes, jun., R. Grimwood, H. C. Alford, G. Dorrington. Composed by the late John Cox, and conducted by A. Hughes, jun.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On December 24th, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Boswell, R. Perkins, F. Boswell, B. Fisher, S. Smith, T. Wright, W. Robinson conductor, H. Rose.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Christmas Day, three 6-score of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and two 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure. B. Ridgewell, H. Richardson, E. Richardson, H. Ridgewell, G. F. Williams.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1908.

ST. JAMES'S. BOLTON, BRADFORD.

The well-known ring of eight at this church, after a silence of four months, was re-opened on Saturday last. During this period of inaction, the bells have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung with new bearings, wheels, clappers, and other improvements, by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, who has carried out his work in excellent fashion, and to the entire satisfaction of the local company. On Saturday afternoon touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung by members of the Yorkshire Association from Halifax, Calverley, Shipley, Guiseley, Low Moor, and other places. On Sunday, special sermons were preached in the morning by the Rev. H. Gresford Jones, M.A., Vicar of Bradford, and in the evening by the Rev. S. J. Harris, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Listerhills. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after each service, including a quarter-peal before evening service.

NOTE.—Mr. Hattersley wishes us to state that his peal of 5187 Stedman Caters in our last issue is similar to one published by Mr. Teasdale in September 1906. The 5187 is however an improved composition by having the usual 2-3-1 start, and containing twenty-four full tittum courses. By fixing the 5th bell in 4ths place in the second half of the 5187, all the 4-5-6-8s are obtained with 9-7-8 course—ends in 5302 changes.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, January 29 1908 in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 33 cwt.

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| HERBERT W. HIBBERT* .. Treble. | WILLIAM TRUSS 5. |
| WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2. | RICHARD F. DEAL 6. |
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Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in any method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, January 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| ALBERT E. DARVILL Treble. | THOMAS DEAL 5. |
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| ISAAC EMBY 4. | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor. |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| JAMES PARKER Treble. | JOHN T. KENTISH 5. |
| JOHN TURNER 2. | *WILBY J. HAZELL 6. |
| JAMES SAXBY 3. | GEORGE PAICE 7. |
| GEORGE A. CARD 4. | THOMAS MILES Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Stedman. Arranged for J. Turner, of Bramley, Yorks.

The Provinces.**ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE,****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5. |
| CLEMENT GLENN 2. | WILLIAM LAMBERT 6. |
| HARRY MOSS 3. | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7. |
| ARTHUR CRAVEN 4. | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble. | JOHN LARTER 3. |
| EDWARD CHATTEN 2. | FREDERICK WATLING .. 4. |
| JOHN PUNCHARD | Tenor. |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to F. Watling.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Thursday, January 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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| EDWARD UNITT Treble. | WILLIAM FISHER 5. |
| WILLIAM DEVBY 2. | GEORGE HUGHES 6. |
| ALBERT BLUNDELL 3. | †WILLIAM SMITH 7. |
| ALFRED J. WALLACE .. 4. | HORACE BELCHER Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Thursday, January 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WALTER J. BRETHERTON* Treble. | *CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 5. |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 2. | *JOHN PIPER 6. |
| WILLIAM POTTER* 3. | JOHN BASS 7. |
| JOSEPH SMITH* 4. | *GILBERT GUEST Tenor. |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and by the above Guild.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and six 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| CHARLES LIST Treble. | GEORGE EASTHAUGH .. 4. |
| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2. | FREDERICK WATLING .. 5. |
| EDWARD CHATTEN 3. | JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor. |

Conducted by F. WATLING.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| WILLIAM PITMAN Treble. | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5. |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2. | FRED J. RING 6. |
| JOHN WHEEDON 3. | LEWIS SILVER 7. |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4. | GEORGE HAYES Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BROMHAM, BEDS.*On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| ARTHUR MORTIMER* .. Treble. | *CHARLES MORTIMBER .. 4. |
| REGINALD GARDNER* .. 2. | FRANK WEBB 5. |
| FREDERICK MORTIMER* .. 3. | JOHN W. BARKER Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the church.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM STAINTON Treble. | HAROLD HARESHAPE 5. |
| THOMAS SISSON 2. | WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6. |
| JOHN E. SENOGLES 3. | JOSEPH W. PENNINGTON 7. |
| EDWARD PENNINGTON 4. | GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor. |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| HORACE F. STREET Treble. | CHARLES DICKENS 5. |
| FRANK FAY 2. | THOMAS REYNOLDS 6. |
| FREDERICK DICKENS 3. | BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7. |
| BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM* .. 4. | HARRY DICKENS Tenor. |

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL

*First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| JOHN M. BUTTON Treble. | EDGAR H. BAILEY 6. |
| GEORGE BERRY 2. | ERNEST S. BAILEY 6. |
| FREDERICK SMITH 3. | CHARLES SAMSON 7. |
| NORMAN R. BAILEY 4. | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| CHARLES ROSE Treble. | ALPHAUS BERRY 4. |
| EDWARD YOUNGS 2. | GEORGE KEMP 5. |
| THOMAS DAVY 3. | WILLIAM ROSE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Youngs.

CHELMARSH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILFRED OVERTON Treble. | †BERTRAM HEAD 4. |
| GEORGE CASE* 2. | HORACE W. OVERTON 5. |
| JOHN ELCOCK† 3. | JOHN OVERTON Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM J. VINCENT .. Treble. | W. HARRY PACKHAM .. 5. |
| WARDEN WALDER 2. | WILLIAM WHEELER 6. |
| THOMAS GASSON 3. | GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 7. |
| GEORGE W. WALDER 4. | GEORGE PACKHAM Tenor. |

Conducted by WARDEN WALDER.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| HERBERT DAY* Treble. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6. |
| GEORGE HOLLIS 2. | *GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7. |
| ALBERT H. WARD* 3. | JOHN P. TARTON 8. |
| CHARLES DRAPER* 4. | *WALTER WALLACE 9. |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5. | SAMUEL WESLEY Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Royal.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| WILLIAM SEERS* Treble. | CHARLES W. BELL 5. |
| ALBERT C. SEERS† 2. | HERBERT E. HOLDER 6. |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 3. | THOMAS T. KING 7. |
| GEORGE TEMPLE 4. | THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor. |

Conducted by ALBERT SEERS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is the conductor's father. Rung as a compliment to W. J. Prescott, on his taking over the duties of Hon. Local Secretary.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHARP Treble. | JOHN LOVELL 4. |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 2. | WILLIAM FREEMAN 5. |
| EDWIN S. MYNARD 3. | FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Arranged specially for C. W. Clarke, who was elected a member previous to starting.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble. | THOMAS ROBINSON 5. |
| THOMAS RICKETTS 2. | ERNEST BISHOP 6. |
| ROBERT W. HYNNE 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 4. | ALFRED W. HARRINGTON .. Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON;

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908 in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble. | BERTHEM PREWETT 5. |
| ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 2. | JOHN ARMSTRONG 6. |
| JOHN J. LAMB 3. | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7. |
| HUBERT EDEN 4. | JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| TITUS BARLOW Treble. | WILLIAM TAYLOR 5. |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 2. | ROBERT SANDERSON 6. |
| THOMAS PEERS 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD 7. |
| JOHN R. TAYLOR 4. | JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor. |

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

Arranged for Messrs. Taylor (2) and Sanderson.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DR. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| WILLIAM HARPER Treble. | LEWIS SILVER 5. |
| FREDK. J. RING 2. | FRANK BELSEY 6. |
| RICHARD CONSTANT 3. | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7. |
| WILLIAM LANE 4. | *RICHARD HADLOW Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal.

BRATHAY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1908, in Five Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;
Being two 720s each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure,
Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JOSEPH BACKHOUSE Treble. | WILLIAM SHARP 4. |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON 2. | JOHN HOLME 5. |
| FURNESS WOODEND 3. | ROGER SATTERTHWAITE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Longest length by all the band, on the bells, and by the above branch. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. Hugh Redmayne, churchwarden, and grandson of the donor of the above church and bells. It is believed to be the longest length of Minor ever rung in Lancashire.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ALFRED EDWARDS* Treble. | CHARLES PRICE 4. |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2. | WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5. |
| ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS 3. | WILLIAM SHORT Tenor. |

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. Rung for morning service, also as a birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of London.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. Treble. | ALBERT BROOKS 5. |
| JOHN MONK 2. | THOMAS BULL 6. |
| FREDERICK POUNDS 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| HARRY BROOKS 4. | JOHN RICHARDS Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. F. ROBINSON.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

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| GEORGE PRESTON Treble. | WALTER INGHAM 6. |
| VINCENT STREET* 2. | CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 7. |
| FRANK A. SPARSHOTT† .. 3. | †WALTER KERLEY 8. |
| WILLIAM G. STONE† 4. | ALBERT BEST 9. |
| REGINALD O. STREET† .. 5. | BERT KERLEY Tenor. |

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by REGINALD O. STREET.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor. Arranged as the quarterly meeting of the district.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALICE WHITE Treble. | HENRY J. GARFATH 5. |
| CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN .. 2. | THOMAS ATTWELL 6. |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 3. | ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 7. |
| MAURICE SMITHER 4. | THOMAS BURDOCK Tenor. |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and H. White, father of the treble ringer. H. J. Garfath's 50th peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

BUCKINGHAM.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

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| HARRY SEAR Treble. | *ALFRED BOWELL 5. |
| HARRY HOPKINS 2. | WILLIAM STONE 6. |
| FRED WILFORD 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4. | HARRY WELHAM Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on the bells, lately rung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, the "go" being excellent.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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| A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. | |
| ALBERT CARTER* Treble. | ALBERT PHILLIPS 4. |
| EDWARD H. KING 2. | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5. |
| FRED W. ELLIOTT 3. | ERNEST A. OVERALL Tenor. |

Conducted by ERNEST A. OVERALL.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to F. W. Elliott, who is leaving the village for Frensham, Surrey.

Obituary.**FRANK BAMET.**

The death of the above-named ringer took place at Thrapston, Northants., on Wednesday, the 15th ult., from pneumonia after a short illness, at the early age of 22 years. He first learned to ring a bell at Carlton, Beds., his home, afterwards practising change-ringing with the Harrold company, ringing one peal, and continued practising regularly with them until leaving for Thrapston, when he was again found in the belfry. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at Carlton church, the Rector (Rev. — Denison), officiating. He was borne to his last resting-place by four of his old friends, those of whom were his former brother-ringers, and was followed, amidst many tokens of affection and respect by a large number of relatives and friends, including a detachment of the 3rd

Volunteer battalion of the Beds. regiment, in which he held the position of Lance-Corporal. The first portion of the service was held in the church, the hymns "On the Resurrection morning, and "Jesu, Lover of my soul," being feelingly sung. The Dead March was played as the cortege left for the graveside, where the remaining portion of the service was concluded. The bells were rung deeply muffled after the service by a number of his old associates, and the bells of Thrapston church were also rung muffled during the afternoon.

H. W. G.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday evening, January 11th, the singers of St. Andrew's, Burnham, Somersetshire, had their annual supper. The Vicar was unable to be present. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thomp-

son, supported by Mr. A. Whitaker and Mr. Jno. Cox (churchwardens). Ample justice having been done to the good spread provided by host and hostess Fruen, the remaining part of the evening was spent with the usual toasts and some capital songs by some of the company. The toast of the evening being "Success to the Ringing," those who rang in the peal were heartily congratulated by the rest of the company, it being the first peal by the local band. The company broke up just before eleven o'clock by singing And Lang Syne, every one having well enjoyed themselves.

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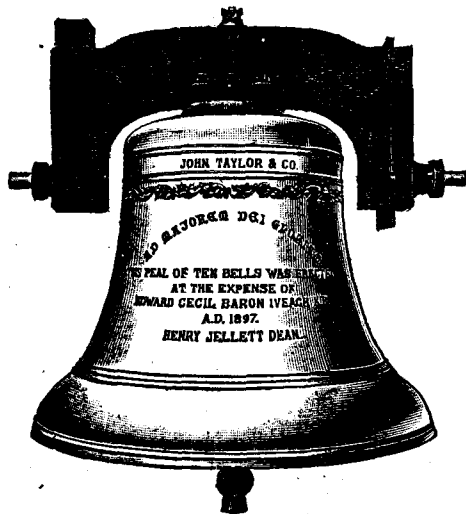
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DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. John's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. B. Miller, V. Pavier, F. W. Richardson conductor, H. E. White, J. Law, A. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries, C. D. Letzer.

HERNE (Kent).—On December 21st, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Sorrell conductor, A. Stemp, G. Simpson, R. Jezard, E. Slingsby, C. Holman. 216 Bob Minor. T. Stone, A. Stemp, W. Sorrell, R. Jezard, G. Simpson, E. Slingsby conductor. 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sorrell conductor, T.

Stone, A. Stemp, J. Bubb, W. Curtis, W. Bubb. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Stone, C. Holman, W. Sorrell conductor, J. Bubb, W. Curtis, A. Neave.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Saturday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. W. Todd, J. P. Kent, A. H. Whittington, W. H. Stevens, E. R. Mackrill, C. C. Cox, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Keymer, chaplain to the St. Paul's Guild, who is leaving to take up work in India.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,297,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,444. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | £ | s. | d. | ASSETS. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|------------|----|----|--|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| Shareholders' Capital | .. | .. | .. | 1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | British Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 3,415,976 | 13 | |
| Reserve Funds | .. | .. | .. | 2,300,000 | 0 | 0 | Indian and Colonial Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 6,156,247 | 4 | |
| Life Assurance Funds | .. | .. | .. | 60,470,431 | 4 | 1 | Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| Claims under life policies admitted | .. | .. | .. | 116,576 | 18 | 11 | and gold and sterling bonds | .. | .. | .. | 7,743,842 | 19 | |
| | | | | | | | Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates | .. | .. | .. | 14,091,357 | 12 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties | .. | .. | .. | 4,501,678 | 8 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Freehold and leasehold property | .. | .. | .. | 3,560,244 | 13 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | 7,975,178 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Railway, Gas and Water Stocks | .. | .. | .. | 7,464,984 | 18 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | Suez Canal shares | .. | .. | .. | 163,709 | 13 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Telegraph and other shares | .. | .. | .. | 97,420 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of | .. | .. | .. | | | |
| | | | | | | | London bonds | .. | .. | .. | 257,901 | 11 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Bank of England stock | .. | .. | .. | 202,756 | 18 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks | .. | .. | .. | 1,564,957 | 14 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Foreign Government securities | .. | .. | .. | 1,539,459 | 7 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Reversions and Life Interests | .. | .. | .. | 1,220,637 | 14 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Loans on the Company's Policies | .. | .. | .. | 2,372,768 | 10 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Rent Charges | .. | .. | .. | 278,523 | 13 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding premiums and agents' balances | .. | .. | .. | 544,207 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Outstanding interest and rents | .. | .. | .. | 515,685 | 7 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Cash—In hands of superintendents | .. | .. | .. | 35,973 | 11 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand | .. | .. | .. | 183,495 | 18 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | £63,887,008 | 3 | 0 |

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.

H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.
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J. H. LUSCOMBE } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the Accounts and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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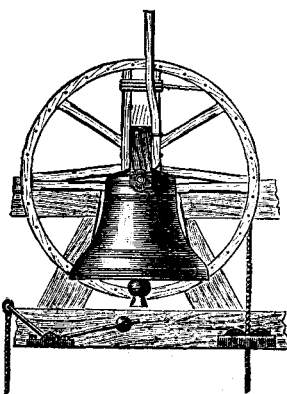
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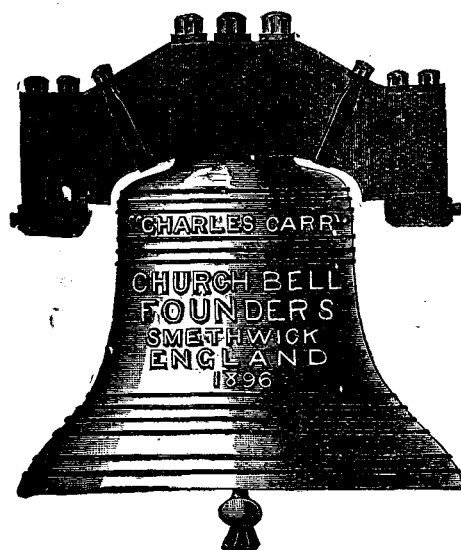
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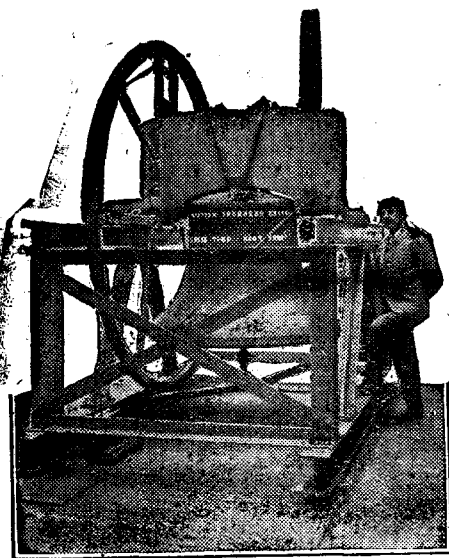
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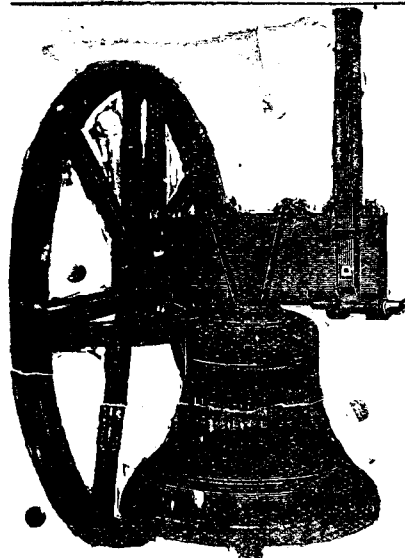
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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at Stoke Bishop. The proceedings commenced with a service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, in which the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Alford) and the Rev. H. A. Cockey (chairman of the branch) took part. The Rev. Canon Alford gave the members a most hearty welcome, and made a most appropriate address.

After service tea was partaken of at the Institute, to which about fifty sat down. Following the tea a business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman of the branch. Before the business was commenced Mr. Roberts, one of the Stoke Bishop ringers, was presented with a gold-mounted umbrella from his fellow-ringers on his retiring from ringing after thirty-two years' service.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at St. Thomas's (city), were read and confirmed.

The Chairman gave a most interesting address on the work carried on by the Association, mentioning that the year just ended had been a very successful one for the branch, and that he should like to have the pleasure of adding the Rev. Canon Alford's name to the list of honorary members of the Association. Canon Alford said he should be pleased to become a member, and also that his ringers (eight) would also join as performing members. This election was unanimously agreed to. St. George's, Bristol, was selected as the next place of meeting, which will be held on the 29th instant.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Rev. Canon Alford, the choir, etc., for the arrangements made for the services in the church.

The secretary (Mr. R. J. Wilkins) reported that twenty-four new members were elected at this meeting. Various methods were rung on the bells, which are a light ring of six by Taylor, of Loughborough.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1st, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Dudley, nearly ninety members being present from Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dodderhill, Hagley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Leigh, Madresfield, Malvern, Netherton, Oldbury, Oldswinford, Sedgely, Smethwick, Stourbridge, Tipton, Worcester, Wollaston, Wordsley, West Bromwich, Lichfield, Lye, Cradley, Old Hill, and Birmingham. The service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m. when there was present the Vicar of Dudley, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Mitchell (of Kidderminster), and the Rev. J. R. Jones (late curate-in-charge of King's Heath), who delivered a most useful address to those present. Thanks to the generosity of some of these Dudley friends, the members had the pleasure of partaking of a most enjoyable tea before commencing the business meeting.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. Gray Maitland, being chairman,

the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and it was decided, on the proposition of the secretary, to publish in the annual report all compositions rung by and composed by members, when rung for the first time. Worcester was again selected for the annual meeting, and the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Dudley, to be conducted by Mr. S. Spittle. Afterwards, thirty-three new performing members were elected, including the ringers from Cropthorne, Ombersley, and Powick. The report and balance-sheet, which showed a balance on the year's working of £6., was passed, and the treasurer having a balance in his hands of £10 was instructed to deposit £5 in the P.O. savings bank.

A communication received from the Vicar of Hallow, informing the secretary that at their last Easter vestry it was decided to charge any company of ringers desiring the bells for a peal, two shillings and sixpence, such to go towards the upkeep of the bells, was then discussed, and the secretary was instructed to write to the Vicar of that parish, expressing surprise at such a charge being made. It was pointed out by the chairman that a vestry meeting had no powers to make such a charge, the bells being under the entire control of the incumbent. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to all those who by their generosity and labour had helped to make the meeting a success.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells, a ring of ten, tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat, were in great demand, touches being rung on both the ten and back eight. This church, with its tower and spire, is situated in the centre of the town of Dudley, close to a large open space, where every Saturday evening is held a very large open market, which is a sight that is worth anyone's while to see (and hear), and it says a great deal for the inhabitants' love of their bells that permission to attempt peals on these days is so readily granted.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the south-western division of the above took place at Romford, on Saturday, February 8th, under the most favourable circumstances. Mr. H. Dawkins had everything in readiness to meet the wishes of the ringers, who gathered in force to the number of forty at an early hour. Friends from Barking, West Ham, Dagenham, Hornchurch, Woodford, Wanstead, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Prittlewell, etc., found ample scope to emulate their respective talents from the modest Grandsire to the intricate London Surprise.

The old market-place was beginning to put on its usual aspect of a Saturday evening, and the huckster and cheap jack were preparing their bargains as the bells sent forth their echoes into the narrow thoroughfares of the ancient town. Dealers began to cast an ominous look from their stalls to the church tower, no doubt wishing the bells were further away, and conjecturing if the night bore presage of evil or good. The town-crier with his bell was unseen, his avocation gone and giving place to the clamour and din of modern society. A short service for the ringers

at five o'clock was fairly attended, the Rector reminding his hearers that as ringers they were also worshippers. Theirs was a dignity of office, and good ringing was essential. He appealed to them to become members of the forthcoming Church of England Men's Society. In the absence of the organist, Mr. G. Black, retiring secretary, acted as substitute.

Thirty-two members sat down to tea at The Fox and Hounds. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. H. T. Eyre and the Master (Mr. S. Hayes), which being concluded, the transaction of business followed. The Rev. C. Steer was elected a ringing member. [The Rector: He has my support, for he is strong and can break a rope.]

North Weald was selected as the next place of meeting, and Mr. G. Black proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also for his presence that evening, which upon being carried unanimously, the rev. gentleman spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be of their number, trusting to meet them next anniversary in a new church hall. A vote of thanks to Mr. Dawkins concluded the business, when the tower was again visited. The London and Double Norwich touches were exceptionally good, but the bells would not tolerate Superlative. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Pye, Watson, Faulkner, Doran, and Hayes. A pleasant hour or two was enjoyed at the hostelry, Messrs. Watson and Perkins conducting touches on the handbells, while Mr. Brady gave during the intervals two songs in capital style, thus bringing to an end a most delightful day, one to be remembered by all those who took part in it. G. F. M.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the members of the Winchester District was held at Alresford on Saturday, February 8th. The towers of both Old and New Alresford churches were opened at two o'clock. Members from Winchester, Twyford, Southampton, Stoneham, Eastleigh, and Farnham were present, and rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob methods during the afternoon and evening. Some members also visited Bishops Sutton, where there is a ring of five bells. Mr. G. Williams (North Stoneham), presided at the tea, which was held at The George at five o'clock. Letters of regret at being unable to be present were read from the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews), and from the Rectors of Old and New Alresford. Mr. Williams regretted the absence of the clergy, and wished they took more interest in change-ringing.

The report of the last quarterly meeting was read, and the Hon. Secretary announced that he was making arrangements for special practices of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich on the Cathedral and Twyford bells, notices of which would be sent to each tower shortly.

Messrs. Williams, W. H. George, G. Smith, and others expressed their hearty approval, and hoped all members in the district who were not already acquainted with those methods would begin to study them.

The members were reminded that the next meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 9th, and as this tower is in a central position in the district, it is hoped a large number of members may be able to be present.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and to the Rectors of Old and New Alresford for the use of the bells. On the proposition of Mr. George a vote of thanks was also accorded the Hon. Secretary for his report.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Pulham Market on Thursday, January 16th. By kind permission of the respective authorities the bells of the parish church, and also those of Pulham Mary and Starston, were open for the use of members during the day, and a number of touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, and Stedman were brought round.

Dinner was served at The Falcon, Pulham Market, under the chairmanship of the President of the Association (J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq., J.P.), who was supported by the Revs. E. C. Hopper (Starston), E. de Saint Croix (Pulham Market), and Dr. Paulley and Mr. R. Borrett (churchwardens), together with many prominent members of the Association, with Mr. C. E. Borrett (secretary). Representatives from a good many towers were also present, including Redenhall, Diss, Yarmouth, Beccles, Eye, Aylsham, Thornham Magna, Alburgh, Gorleston, Starston, Saxlingham, St. Cross, and the local companies at the two Pulhams.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities for the use of the bells, which was acknowledged by the Rev. E. de Saint Croix and Dr. Paulley. The toast of "Success to the Association" was ably proposed by the Rev. E. C. Hopper, and the Secretary briefly responded, giving a few details of the position of the Association.

The election of twenty-eight new members followed, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of this Society was held in the vestry of St. Andrew's parish church, Rugby, on Monday evening, January 27th. The Rector, the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie, M.A., R.D. (President of the Society), occupied the chair. There were also present Messrs. W. Brooke (ex-churchwarden), A. L. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, and H. O. White (the retiring officers), and a fair attendance of other members.

The finances and membership were reported to be in a satisfactory condition. Mr. A. L. Coleman was re-elected Ringing-Master; Mr. A. J. Hessian Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. J. B. Fenton was elected Deputy Ringing-Master; Messrs. Sear, Watson and Dubber were elected on the Committee; and Mr. A. White was re-elected Hon. Auditor.

The Ringing-Master in the course of a few remarks informed the meeting that nine quarter-peals had been rung during the year, principally Stedman and Double Norwich; also that the society was in a flourishing condition numerically.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding, to the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson, M.A., for his kindness in officiating as Hon. Chaplain to the Society; to the Ringing-Master and Hon. Secretary for their services; also to Mr. A. White for auditing the accounts.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. J. B. Fenton for the energy he has displayed in teaching the new members, several of whom have in a very short time advanced to ring Double Norwich under his able tuition.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 25th. Over thirty members were present, representing the following towers: Appledore, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone, and Tentenden. A special service was held in the church at 5.30, and a very appropriate address given to the ringers by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. Hall. After service an adjournment was made to The Swan hotel, and full justice was done to the excellent meat tea provided; the Rev. E. J. Wright (curate of Appledore) presiding. Tea over, the business meeting followed, Mr. F. Brown in the chair. Officers selected for the ensuing year are: Rev. C. B. Hall, president; Mr. C. Tribe, master; Mr. J. W. Unwin, hon. sec.; Mr. G. Johnson, treasurer; Messrs. Ward, Blackman, Manktelow, Youngs, and Humpherys, committee. A smoking concert brought the meeting to a close, everyone agreeing that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Deanery on Friday, January 31st, under the presidency of the Dean (the Very Rev. W. J. Lawrence.) Mr. E. Whitbread was re-appointed conductor, and Mr. R. J. Hammond was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. J. C. Dicken was elected hon. secretary vice Mr. H. L. Waddington (resigned). Great regret was expressed that circumstances had necessitated Mr. Waddington's removal from St. Albans, and in appreciation of his long and faithful services (embracing a period of upwards of twenty-four years as hon. secretary), he was unanimously elected an honorary life member. An interesting item of the proceedings was the presentation of a walking stick to the conductor, Mr. E. Whitbread, on behalf of the junior members and probationers of the Society, as a slight acknowledgment of the great pains he had taken in teaching them. In making the preparation, the Dean congratulated Mr. Whitbread on the success which had resulted from his untiring efforts.

In replying, Mr. Whitbread expressed the surprise and pleasure he felt, and in heartily thanking the donors said he was very much gratified at the progress made by the members of the Society, which had recently rang two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, and were well advanced in learning Double Norwich, and he hoped for even greater success in the near future.

Mr. C. Edwards, The Gardens, Frensham Hill, Farnham, Surrey, writes:—

"I should be extremely obliged if you could grant me space in 'THE BELL NEWS' to thank all those who replied to my advertisement in your paper re 'journeyman,' and I am pleased to say that the position is now filled. The situation is still open for Kitchen Garden Labourer."

Death.

TURNER.—On January 24th, at 2, London Road, Beccles, the Rev. Thomas Day Turner, late Vicar of Flixton, Suffolk, aged sixty-eight years. Interred in Beccles Cemetery, January 28th. Life Member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

A CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Triples on Jan. 30, at Buckingham (tenor 27 cwt. 7 lbs.), was 3 hrs. 13 mins., not 3 hrs. 3 mins. as stated in No. 1349.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—I write once more to notice one or two statements in Mr. Trollope's article, and I do so because Mr. Trollope always tries to be fair, and is also open to conviction. The system of extending a method from six to eight bells, etc., which he advocates, is the one which I always use, but when he states that an alteration from the regular rule of the method is no more tolerable in 9-10 than anywhere else, I cannot altogether agree with him.

We have Minor and Major; we want Royal. By examining Minor and Major we get a set of rules for making the places; we then produce the illegitimate variation A from these rules. Now this would be London Royal, but it is illegitimate, and as London is a legitimate method this is not London. Hence, to get real London, we must alter the rules somewhere, and if we must alter them somewhere, it must be with the treble in 9-0, as this is a new position which has never appeared before, and any alteration with the treble somewhere else is undoubtedly an alteration from the method.

Mr. Trollope has carefully analysed all the variations which I gave, and concludes that "the balance is therefore slightly in Mr. James's favour," and then contradicts himself by stating that "Mr. Lindoff's version, though not pure London Surprise, must pass in default of a better."

Years ago people believed that the sun moved across the sky until Galileo proved that the earth turned round. Does Mr. Trollope wish us to maintain the old fallacy because it is old? That is the position in which he puts himself.

Change-ringing is a science, and it is quite time we agreed to settle scientific facts in a scientific manner. The actual position is this: Mr. Lindoff published a certain Royal method and said that it was London Royal; I have definitely proved that it is not. Mr. Lindoff has answered my proof by simply repeating his original statement. This is not proof, and is therefore of no value. In conclusion, let me plead for a patient, friendly discussion, in a truly scientific spirit, about all these various points in order that we may find out the truth and hand it on.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I beg to remind Mr. James that I have not been behind hand in assisting with London Royal, the real truth being that I was too early for some people. Even then he cannot accuse me of trying to rush the matter. He may say it is not a personal matter on his part, but we have not yet lost the right to think as we like. I would also remind him that it was not until after he had seen my figures that he was able to make his variation. Now so infatuated has he become with it that its imperfections vanish, it becomes the model of perfection in his eye. Now is this variation such a model of perfection as he would have us believe? It will do no harm to remind him that even it is not without its imperfections, as the following will show:—

1. A four-pull dodge in 1-2 while treble is behind.
2. A triple dodge in 7-8 while treble is behind.
3. Four bells make 3rds and back when they ought to go to lead.
4. Two bells make 6ths while treble is in 9-10.
5. 9ths place made under the treble.
6. Loss of the bell making 7ths, the equivalent to the 5ths in Major.

With all these he would persuade us that his is nearer to true London than mine. This I cannot admit as being true. My reasons why I cannot do so are as follows: In extending London to ten bells it is not possible to follow true London all through. In producing my method I adhered to true London to the greatest possible extent. In producing his variation he has not been able to follow true London for one more change per course than I have. As a deviation from true London had to be made I preferred to make it while the treble was in 3-4, so that I might keep the work with treble in front and behind intact, and at the same time not to introduce work foreign to the

method. My deviation consists of transferring the odd dodge from 5-6 to 1-2, and the work from 1-2 to 5-6. Mr. James's deviation consists of work unheard of in London. I am not so bold as to say only one place should be used for that deviation. I selected the place which I considered best, which I contend I had every right to do. In conclusion I may say I claim nothing but common rights. Mr. James claims exclusive rights. In this I cannot give way to him. Re diagram that he suggests. So much could be written on that point, and so little gained, that I will leave it as a useless point to raise. If the Major is what he is after, why go to ten bells for it? G. LINDOFF.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope invariably writes in such a reasonable and friendly way that I venture to send him my views on this subject by way of expressing appreciation of his article in your last issue.

One thing he will admit, of course, viz., that one cannot both eat one's cake and have it. Hence it follows that one cannot have (a) the exact places and NO MORE, and (b) the desired lead-end, as the two are an impossibility side by side.

My memory made me hark back to "The Campanalogia," and taking up Monk's edition of 1766 I refreshed my mind with the way in which Annable (?) first gave us Cambridge Major with irregular lead-ends; and then went to "The Clavis," 1788, to find once more the variation by which the regular lead-ends are produced. "The Clavis" version is that given in "Standard Methods," and what was considered allowable in those days was simply this: In order to marshal the bells in their correct order *extra* places are introduced, as may be seen when the treble is dodging 3-4 out; here whilst the 2nd and 6th are making places in front, the 8th and 5th also lie still in 5ths and behind. This one line brings the result and shows the principle.

Now if we apply this to London Royal, correctly written out, but with irregular lead-ends, we shall make the following discovery (if it be one?) viz., that if at the go-off we make *extra* places by causing the 6th and 7th to lie still, and then, when the treble is dodging in 3-4, we make the 4th make sevenths whilst the 8th lies behind, we get—by altering, i.e., adding to these two rows—London Royal with its correct lead-end. These *extra* places are, of course, in both half leads. Now I would ask Mr. Trollope—having regard to precedent—how far he thinks this allowable. May I add that I like Mr. Lindoff's version quite as well as any of the others, if not better.

WM. SNOWDON.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—The three compositions of Bob Major published in your last week's issue by Mr. Morris are false. If Mr. Morris would take the trouble to look through them before sending to print he would see the impossibility of getting the 6th her extent wrong on the plan he has got it, or tried to get it. If he will prick out the twenty-four 8 6 7s of the three compositions he will see his error. Also the first peal of Double Oxford Major in the Central Council Collection by Mr. Dains, which has the twenty-four course-ends, 6th at H brought up by twenty-three bobs and one six at H. I imagine this cannot be so, and should have been pointed out before.

F. H. DEXTER.

STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—If Mr. Teasdale and Mr. Hattersley will look back in your number of December 2nd, 1905, they will see a peal on their plan which was the first ever published, and was composed by your humble.

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—In your issue of February 1st you published a 5187 of Stedman Caters by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who claims this composition as the first produced containing the qualities of 2-4-6-8s (extent) and 4-6-8s with 9 7 8 course-ends, and the extent of handstroke home position, with the 6th her extent in 5ths after the 8th. Now I would like to draw your correspondent's attention to the fact that some eighteen months ago I published in your paper a 5177 having the same qualities he claims for his peal, only the 2nd was a fixed bell in 2nds place. I have also, which I composed at the time, variations of the same peal, one with the 3rd a 2nds place bell and the other with the treble a 2nds place bell. I also from the first half of

the peal produced a peal with the 6th her extent home with 7 8 9 backstroke course-ends, which I forwarded to Mr. A. Knights, who pointed out a fault in it in the last course, which I rectified. This particular 5010 had a turning course of bobs at 3 and 8, which altered the successional order of the sizes from slow and quick to quick and slow, of course causing an alteration in the method of calling. I have previously shewn my composition to several qualified conductors—W. Barber and T. T. Goston—who will be able if necessary to substantiate same. Mr. John Carter also has peals with the 3rd in 4ths place, and may also have the same as Mr. Hattersley's and mine. I won't go as far as to claim mine as first with these qualities, but must ask my friend to give me the precedence as to producing mine before his, and if no one else claims it I think my 5177 will be the first with these qualities.

THOS. TEASDALE.

BELL FRAMES.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers kindly inform me if ever they have heard of or know of a church with a peal of bells that are hung in a deal frame for ringing? I was informed by a gentleman the other day that he knew of one, but would not tell me where. If such is the case I think the sooner it is condemned the better.

H. J. TUCKER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if some kind reader of "THE BELL NEWS" could inform me if a ringer does obtain more control over a large bell by being perched on a block. The best ringers I know seem to believe that he does, but can give no definite law of mechanics by which the advantage is obtained.

B. CLAYDON.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

The members of this Society have rung 98 complete 720s during the year 1907 in the following methods: Plain Bob 12, Oxford Bob 11, Double Oxford 6, College Single 17, Canterbury Pleasure 7, Grandsire 1, Violet Treble Bob 3, New London Pleasure 2, College Exercise 1, Oxford Treble Bob 18, Kent Treble Bob 21. The following took part: A. Jarrett 84, conducted 47, E. J. Hoad 84, conducted 19, S. Heath 84, L. Tidy 82, W. Collins 72, E. Tidy 64, G. Cowland 57, conducted 14, G. Chantler 20, D. Wright 18, conducted 17, R. Stone 1, C. F. Johnston 1, W. H. Corbett 1, J. L. Harris 5, H. Selby 2, G. Steer 2, A. J. Lewis 2, P. Tidy 1, W. Mathews 1, J. Preston 2, conducted 1.

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THORINGTON (Essex).—On January 7th, for practice, two 720s of Plain Bob. W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, T. Burgess, G. Miles, G. A. Andrews conductor. On a recent Sunday, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Andrews, W. Lancaster, G. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. A. Andrews conductor, T. Burgess.

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STEBBING.—On Friday evening, January 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes in the following methods: 360 Cambridge Surprise, 120 New London, 240 Woodbine, 504 Oxford Treble Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Double Court, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Barker, E. Hynds, H. E. Young, H. P. Emery, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon conductor.

DUNMOW.—On Saturday, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes in the following methods: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 504 Oxford Treble Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Double Court. H. Smith, H. C. Ruffel, J. T. Barker, H. P. Emery, W. Smith, E. Claydon conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, February 1st, at St. Nicholas church a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. S. A. Boar, A. S. Boar conductor, F. Kinsey, W. Kinsey, W. Lindley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, the band wishing him many happy returns.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

FYLINGDALES.—On Monday, February 3rd, 1908 Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Welburn, F. Newton, G. F. Alexander composer and conductor, Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, J. W. Lowther, J. W. Wilkinson, R. Duck, T. Tindale. Longest length on the bells by a local band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

KENDAL.—On Thursday, December 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Tysou, T. Salmon, W. Atkinson, T. Haslam, J. Braithwaite, B. Walker conductor, T. P. Jackson, J. Salmon.

LEIGH (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, January 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 of College Single, and 108 of Plain Bob. T. Howells, W. Ranford, J. Howells, F. M. Newman, J. Norman, J. R. Newman conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Monday, January 13th, for practice at this parish church, 1056 Forward Major. B. E. Howe, E. Simpson, A. Gill, F. Loudon, J. F. Mallaby, J. H. Lenton, T. B. Kendall conductor, J. Broadley.

DONCASTER.—On January 23rd, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mayor of Doncaster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. R. Baylis, H. Brock, H. Marwood, G. Clow, C. Scott, H. Wilson, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON.—On Sunday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hancock, W. F. Hartshorne conductor, E. Harper, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. Wildblood, W. Rigby, W. Leeson. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. S. Booth, who was formerly a ringer at this church.

CREWE.—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Miss F. Bowen-Cooke, W. Holding, R. T. Holding, jun., A. Crawley, R. Langford, G. Holding, R. T. Holding, sen. conductor, J. Kettle. First quarter-peal by Miss Cooke, and is believed to be the first in the Guild in which a lady ringer has taken part.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENTHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. R. Gwilliam, E. Garbett, J. W. Russell, C. Edwards, E. Newell, E. Day. On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. H. Lowman, C. Edwards, J. W. Russell, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall conductor. First 720 as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, January 29th, at the parish church, a half-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles, being twenty-one 6-scores, each called differently, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Collins, W. Barrow, W. Booth, O. Collins, A. R. Miles conductor, J. Lavender. First half-peal by all except the conductor, and first half-peal on the bells.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—For services during December four 720s of Plain Bob Minor. J. Fryer, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixey. For practice, 240 Grandsire Triples. F. Davison, J. Fryer, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixey conductor, T. Cole. Also eight 120s of Stedman Doubles. H. Ferguson, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, H. Gibson, J. Dixey conductor, F. Davison. On handbells, several touches of Grandsire Triples, 360 Kent, and eight 120s of Stedman Doubles.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING.—On Saturday, January 18th, at St. Mary's church, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Smith, A. Shufflebotham, L. Wiseman, J. T. Barker, W. Smith, E. Claydon, E. Newman, W. Grimwade conductor. On Sunday, January 12th, 560 Bob Major. S. Sargent, F. Radley, N. Smith, W. Moore, A. Shufflebotham conductor, C. Bearman, W. Grimwade, L. Crow first touch of Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM.—On January 12th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob. C. H. Kerr, W. Loxham, J. Fell, J. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On January 15th, 720 in the same method. J. Fell, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSDALE.—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise Minor. J. W. Forster, A. Charlton, R. Dixon, T. H. Surtees, A. M. C. Field, F. Barron conductor. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and also the first in the method by all the band except A. M. C. Field. A 720 in the same method was also rung for evening service by the same band similarly placed.

Bow.—On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Granfield conductor, G. Scambler, R. Sanders, H. Torble, S. J. Bird, W. Truss, S. Hayes, E. J. Sampson.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday February 9th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. A. Richards, H. B. Richards, R. Hamilton, W. Youlden, W. S. Lethbridge, T. Laver conductor, J. R. Sandover, C. Glass.

LONDON.—On Sunday January 26th, at Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. T. H. Hawkins, J. Warncken, T. Cranfield, E. E. Richards composer and conductor, R. Sanders, F. W. Thornton, A. W. Coles, C. Clark, jun.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, January 26th, at Christ Church, 1280 London Surprise Major. J. Scott, G. W. Dix, R. Hogg, E. Hern, J. T. Hogg, J. Hern, A. Tully, T. Teasdale conductor. Longest length in the method by all.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

BETWEEN two and three miles from the city of Worcester there is a very pretty village named "Hallow." It is more than once mentioned in the works of the late Mrs. HENRY WOOD, who was a native of the above-named city. Within the past twenty years a new church has been built, which contains a sweet ring of eight bells by TAYLOR. We can imagine with what satisfaction ringers of the neighbourhood regarded the erection of these bells. It is very unfortunate, therefore, to hear that they are not accessible for a peal unless a fee is first paid. Such fees are said to be used for the "upkeep" of the bells. We appeal to those in authority at Hallow to remove this stigma, for such it is, by rescinding the order at once. If funds are desired for the purpose stated, and if it is thought that ringers using the bells should help, it would be much more appropriate to place a box in the ringing-chamber for the reception of donations, denoting its object. This would be more in keeping with Church notions and ideas. We look upon this fee business as reactionary, and to many ringers who are staunch Churchmen it is hateful. With fond and kindly recollections of the village in which many of our pleasant hours of youth were spent, we implore the Vicar to have this unnatural charge removed.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

This is A. B. Peck's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
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LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

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| BERTRAM PREWETT Treble. | JOHN ARMSTRONG 6. |
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| WILLIAM PYE 4. | JAMES GEORGE 9. |
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†First peal of Stedman Caters.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
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| WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4. | *HERBERT ARMSTRONG .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. E. Miller.

The Provinces.**BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

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Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

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Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
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†First peal of Stedman Caters. *First peal on ten bells. For figures of peal, see page 86 of "Stedman." Further reference elsewhere.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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*First peal. First peal as conductor, and by a local company.

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| HERBERT WORMWELL .. Treble. | RENNIE HARTLEY 5. |
| DAVID HEYS 2. | TOM REDMAN 6. |
| HARRY ENTWISTLE .. 3. | RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 7. |
| SAMUEL CORNISH .. 4. | THOMAS MOUNCEY .. Tenor. |

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

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| JAS. TAYLOR Treble. | J. B. TAYLOR 5. |
| S. LORD 2. | W. TAYLOR 6. |
| O. EASTWOOD 3. | J. T. WRIGHT 7. |
| L. TAYLOR 4. | J. W. ORMBROD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of J. Taylor

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| SAMUEL WESLEY Treble. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5. |
| ARTHUR CRAVEN 2. | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6. |
| JESSE J. MOSS 3. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 7. |
| GEORGE W. MOSS 4. | JOHN FLINT Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ERNEST MCWILLIAM .. Treble. | GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5. |
| ALFRED CHAPMAN 2. | WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6. |
| JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3. | GEORGE W. STEEL .. 7. |
| JOSEPH HAIGH 4. | WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor. |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

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| FREDERICK JUDGE .. Treble. | CHARLES TRIBE .. 5. |
| FREDERICK RAINBIRD .. 2. | GEORGE JOHNSON .. 6. |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3. | CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7. |
| FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 4. | ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor. |

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| GEORGE THURLOW .. Treble. | EDGAR HICKS .. 5. |
| GEORGE PERRY 2. | JOHN J. CREASY .. 6. |
| WILLIAM BALLS* .. 3. | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 7. |
| ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4. | GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor. |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the local company.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble. | CHARLES DICKENS .. 5. |
| EDMUND J. HYLAND 2. | HARRY DICKENS .. 6. |
| FREDERICK DICKENS .. 3. | ALF PADDON SMITH .. 7. |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 4. | SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor. |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Old Doubles, ten of Plain Bob, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| JAMES TYSON† .. Treble. | HENRY BELLAMY .. 4. |
| JOHN W. WRIGHT* .. 2. | WILLIAM H. DYKE .. 5. |
| WALTER E. CLARKE† .. 3. | *THOMAS W. GOLLING .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL MUSIC.—Write to W. GORDON, of Stockport.
The largest and best selection in the world.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

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| CHARLES PALMER .. Treble. | GEORGE ADES .. 6. |
| RICHARD HOATHER 2. | FREDERICK M. BACON .. 7. |
| HENRY STALHAM 3. | WILLIAM ALLFREY .. 8. |
| HERBERT RANN 4. | WILLIAM PALMER .. 9. |
| FREDERICK TINDALL .. 5. | ERNEST TUGWOOD .. Tenor. |

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by H. RANN.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble. | CHARLES W. MILLWAY .. 5. |
| WILLIAM SPICE 2. | WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6. |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 3. | EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7. |
| REV F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4. | RICHARD S. STAINES .. Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM COLEY† .. Treble. | *HARRY LBA .. 5. |
| ELIJAH WHITE* 2. | *ALFRED HACKETT .. 6. |
| HENRY KAYBOULD* .. 3. | WILLIAM WEBB .. 7. |
| HARRY WILLIAMS 4. | GEORGE N. COCKIN .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. PIGOTT, and Conducted by W. COLEY.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rang to celebrate the dedication of St. Margaret's church. Hasbury.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ROBERT KELLY* .. Treble. | WALTER HUGHES .. 5. |
| JOHN ASPINWALL 2. | ALBERT LOVELL .. 6. |
| GEORGE WOODHALL .. 3. | EDWARD CAUNCE .. 7. |
| JOHN ALLEN 4. | WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

*First peal of Major.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

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| WALTER PERKINS .. Treble. | THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5. |
| ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. 2. | ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 6. |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 4. | *HUBERT HORN .. Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. F. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

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| JOHN JENNINGS* Treble. | *FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7. |
| CHARLES DICKENS 2. | †GEORGE BURROUGHS.. .. 8. |
| FREDERICK DICKENS 3. | JOHN NEAL 9. |
| ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4. | *JAMES L. WELLS 10. |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS 5. | ALBERT WALKER 11. |
| EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 6. | SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. †First peal on twelve bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 5th nineteen courses right in the tittms position, and the 6th nineteen courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS STAINES* Treble | CHARLES L. SADLER 5. |
| THOMAS WILLIAMS 2. | WILLIAM EVANS 6. |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3. | WILLIAM SHORT 7. |
| CHARLES W. DAVIES 4. | †SAMUEL ROBERTS Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. This is the first peal ever rung in the county of Radnor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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| EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble. | EDWARD C. MERRITT 5. |
| ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE 2. | ALFRED J. TURNER 6. |
| ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3. | ROBERT J. DAWE 7. |
| FRANK S. STURT 4. | *FRED GREGORY Tenor. |

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| JOHN HARE.. .. Treble. | *FREDERICK BONNER 5. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 2. | *CHARLES V. HARE 6. |
| ALFRED KING 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7. |
| WILLIAM H. NEWELL 4. | †THOMAS GUTTERIDGE Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringers of the 2nd. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. H. Spokes (Rector), for kindly entertaining the band to tea after the peal.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SR. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BEARD† Treble. | JOSEPH A. WAITE 5. |
| JOHN AUSTIN 2. | †ARTHUR G. WAITE 6. |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 3. | FRANK COLE 7. |
| AUSTIN GWINNETT 4. | ALFRED WARD Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

†First peal.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| ARTHUR HISTRAD Treble. | GEORGE IRVINE 5. |
| E. WALTER WENMAN 2. | GEORGE C. CLEEVE 6. |
| WILLIAM COOK 3. | OWEN W. PORTER 7. |
| WILLIAM WICKS.. .. 4. | JESSE HISCOCK Tenor. |

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| THOMAS NEVILLE Treble. | HENRY AUSTIN 5. |
| JOHN E. BALLARD 2. | WILLIAM FORD 6. |
| HENRY WHITE 3. | *ALFRED BURGESS 7. |
| JOHN WARD 4. | WILLIAM WILKINS Tenor. |

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*Elected a member previous to starting.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| THOMAS STAINES Treble. | JOHN NEWMAN 4. |
| JOHN EVANS 2. | WILLIAM SHORT 5. |
| LEONARD WILLIAMS 3. | CHARLES L. SADLER.. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method by all, and was rung after one practice on handbells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Thursday, February 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| GILBERT GUEST.. .. Treble. | JOHN PIPER 5. |
| MISS M. GILBANKS 2. | JOSEPH SMITH 6. |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 3. | CHARLES E. PERKINS 7. |
| WILLIAM POTTER 4. | JOHN BASS Tenor. |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Major by a lady member of the above Guild.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rang at Turvey, Beds, has been sent without any time being mentioned.—A peal of Bob Major rang at Thetford has been sent without any date.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John, Hackney, on February the 18th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 27th; St. Magnus the Martyr on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 27th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 5 in the Meeson Hall, 9d. each to those who inform me by the 19th inst.

F. BENNETT, *Sec.*
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield to-day, Saturday, February 15th.

ROBERT J. DAW, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading to-day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service in St. Mary's church at 6 p.m. Supper at Phillips' dining rooms, Duke Street, at 7.15 p.m. To ringers whose subscriptions for 1907 are paid, 1s. The bells of St. Laurence will be available for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's, from 5 to 6 p.m.

A. W. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*
17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Saturday, Feb. 15th.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (6 bells) on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 5, business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea at 4.30.

All members requiring tea kindly inform me by Feb. 17th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*
55, Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea at Oddfellows' Hall at 5.30. Meeting after. Those intending to be present must inform me by February 18th.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*
19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Histon, near Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, February 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, February 29th, instead of March 7th. Members please note.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chicheley, Bucks, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Lanchester on Saturday, February 29th. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30, 1s. each to those who let me know by February 25th.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, Durham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Church District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Lymington on Saturday, February 29th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 5 o'clock, free to those who notify me by Wednesday, February 19th.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 29th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, when the chair will be taken by Charles Henry Hattersley, esq., of Sheffield. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be ringing on the twelve bells at St. Martins from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Tickets free to fully qualified members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 26th, to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Cafe at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.

TAUNTON. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East on Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. Please note the change of date from February 29th to March 7th, which has been unavoidable.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate and Capel on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at Capel church at 6 p.m. Tea at The Crown inn at 6.30. Meeting to follow.

REV. E. T. GOTTO, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Saturday, January 18th, at the parish church, 720 Chelsea Surprise. R. B. Wilson, W. Mountford, G. Park, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. And 720 of Carlisle Surprise. G. J. Lungley, W. Mountford, G. Park, R. B. Wilson, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, G. W. Park conductor. Also 360 of London. G. W. Park conductor, Rev. H. S. Richardson; the rest as before. First touch of Carlisle and Chester on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GUILDFORD.—This is the first time a lady has ever rung a peal of Stedman Caters, and is the second peal ever rung on ten bells by a lady ringer, the other being a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on the same bells by the same lady on August 1st, 1901. Miss White was congratulated by the other ringers for her neatness in handling her bell, and also for her correct ringing of the method. C. Willshire, jun. also deserves a word of praise for his good ringing, and he so young. W. E. Pitman balls from Lymington, Kent.

THE PEAL AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD.—A. B. Peck's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 17; Caters 11; Cinques 3; Treble Bob Royal 6; Maximus 2; Double Norwich Major 10; Royal 3; Cambridge Major 1; Superlative 12; London 30; London Royal 1. Total—100.

THE PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR RUNG AT POLFORD ON JANUARY 17th.—J. Morgan's 50 Peals.—Minor Methods 15, conducted 14; Grandsire Triples 4, conducted 1; Stedman 4; Union 2; Oxford Bob 2; Bob Major 7, conducted 2; Treble Bob Major 13, conducted 3; Double Norwich 1; Double Bob 1; Superlative 1. Total—50; conducted 20.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of A. B. Peck is 41, Glamorgan Street, South Belgravia, London, S.W.

STEDMAN CATERS BROADSHEETS.

Mr. John Carter, 130, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, will be pleased to send to any composers and conductors his broadsheet if they will send him a stamped addressed envelope.

Obituary.**ROBERT ISAAC PRIOR.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above, who for over twenty years had faithfully filled the office of sidesman at Sawston, Cambs. The funeral, which was choral, took place on Thursday, February 6th, in the beautiful new churchyard, and was attended, besides the relatives of the deceased, by his fellow sidesmen, delegates from the Star of Friendship Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the committee of the Co-operative Society. In the evening, as a last token of respect, the parish church company rang the whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled. E. Freestone, W. Sykes, S. Nunn, F. Hurry, F. Godden, R. Wilson, F. Matthews, W. Lyles.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, January 23rd, the senior members of the choir and ringers of All Saints' church were kindly entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev. C. H. Price. At 7 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Vicar. After supper songs were indulged in, and the Vicar gave a reading later in the evening. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. H. Porter (Vicar's warden) to the Rev. C. H. Price for so kindly entertaining them, and the company dispersed at 11.15, after a most enjoyable time.

Our ringing friends throughout the United Kingdom will regret to hear of the serious accident that has befallen our friend and brother-string Mr. Samuel Wood, of 44, Crowthorne Road, Ashton-under-Lyne. While following his occu-

pation during Christmas week he was seriously injured by a fly wheel weighing about two tons falling on his foot, and which severed part of the foot and toes. This accident we are afraid will confine him to the house for many months to come, and to one of his enthusiastic nature in matters pertaining to ringing he feels the blow very severely. At the time of writing he is going on as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and should any of our ringing friends be inclined to drop him a line it will cheer him up and materially help him to convalescence, which we hope will come speedily.

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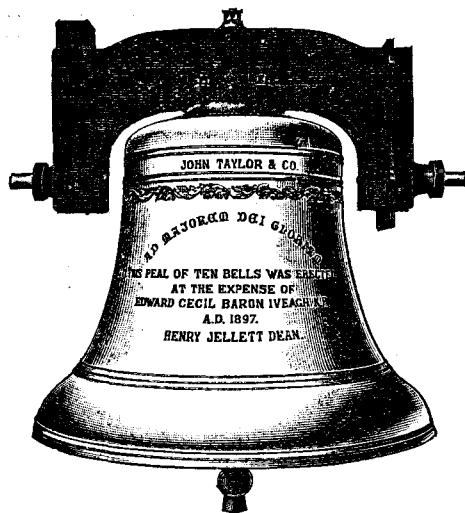
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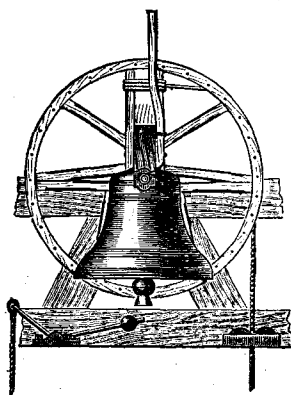
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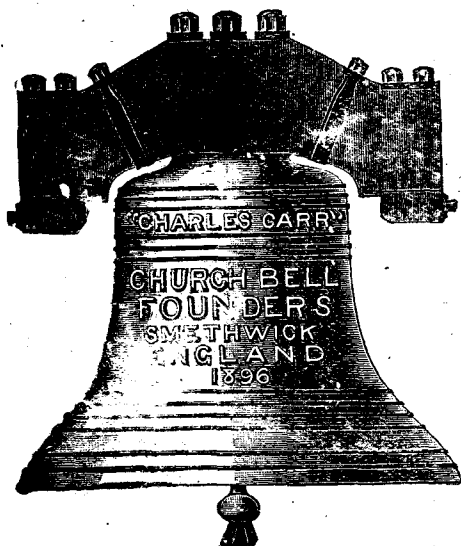
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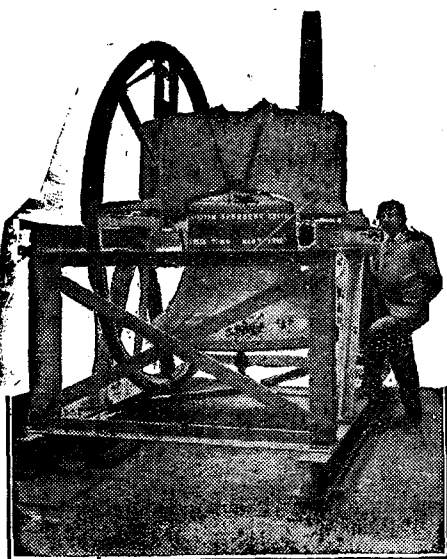
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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Sunday, February 2nd, 1908, was the date fixed for the dedication of a new ring of eight bells, cast at the Loughborough foundry. So many were there who desired to take part in the service that every seat in the church was occupied. The officiating clergy were the Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford (Dr. Leigh), the Vicar (Rev. B. Chadwick), the Rev. —. Dallimore, and the Rev. S. G. Waters.

The service commenced with the Old Hundredth psalm. The lessons were read by Mr. F. A. Newdigate-Newdegate; after which the Dean dedicated a new communion-table, who then after a short prayer proceeded to the west door, accompanied by the other clergy, and dedicated the new ring of bells. Then the Nuneaton parish church ringers rang a short touch, the Dean afterwards preaching a very appropriate sermon.

The bells were rung before and after each service to touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples by the Nuneaton company of ringers, who on the following Saturday, February 8th, rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, the record of which will be found on another page.

After the peal the ringers were entertained by the Vicar and Churchwardens to a most substantial supper, to which about forty ringers and friends sat down.

The bells are a fine-toned peal, their go is excellent, and they reflect great credit upon Messrs. Taylor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the western division was held at Chichester on Saturday, January 25th. The cathedral bells were started at three o'clock, and kept going until four o'clock, to Grandsire and Bob Major. Many of the inhabitants were under the impression that the ringing was in honour of the consecration of the new bishop of the diocese, which took place in London on the same day. The ordinary evening service was held at four o'clock, which the ringers attended.

Tea was held at Hobbs's refreshment rooms, about twenty sitting down, and presided over the Rev. Prebendary Bennett, honorary member of the Association, being supported by the Rev. S. J. Norman, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (treasurer), and the divisional secretary. Members were present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Bosham, Chichester, Goring, Midhurst, and West Tarring. Tea over, the usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed; seven new members were elected to the Midhurst branch. Arundel was first proposed for the next quarterly peal, but after some discussion it was decided that it should be attempted at Pulborough.

Mr. Tompkins proposed the usual vote of thanks to the

chairman for presiding, to which the rev. gentleman responded, and remarked that he thought it only right that the clergy should support the Association.

The Cathedral tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.30.

A meeting of the central division was held at Henfield on Saturday, February 15th, but was rather poorly attended, owing no doubt to the bad weather. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and ringing kept up till a quarter to five, when a move was made to the village hall for tea, twenty members sitting down, but only the following towers being represented: Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicholas), Steyning, Burgess Hill, and Southover. The chair was taken by the Rev. —. Dunlop (in the absence of the Vicar), supported by Mr. Hall (churchwarden). After tea the usual meeting followed, the minutes being read and passed. Messrs. Charles, James, and William Pattenden were elected members attached to the East Grinstead band, and C. Roberts, F. Minchin, and J. Burt to the Henfield band, and Mr. A. Goddard transferred as independent member. The place chosen for the next quarterly was Henfield, the hon. secretary and Mr. Markwell to arrange date, etc. A vote of thanks to the chairman for kindly presiding at so short a notice was carried unanimously. All the members then attended the six o'clock service, the Vicar (Rev. W. Wakeford) having just arrived home officiated. Afterwards ringing was kept going till about eight o'clock.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.

The annual meeting of this society (which is a branch of the Llandaff Diocesan Association) was held in the vestry of St. John's church on Thursday, February 13th. Mr. W. Allen (treasurer) presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of Mr. W. Biss (captain and steeplekeeper), Mr. J. Johnson (secretary), Mr. H. Day (vice-captain). Mr. Biss urged on the younger members to put forward every effort, so that the St. John's society would go forward and attain to higher methods. A discussion on the shortness of the time on practice-nights led to an amendment of the rule regarding the hour of meeting. A fund for the ringers' annual outing was opened and contributions received by the secretary, the same being open for ringing friends who would like to join the party.

The financial account for the past year having been disposed of, votes of thanks were accorded to the officers for their services so efficiently rendered during the year. These gentlemen responded, and spoke of the goodwill and harmony, and the brotherly feeling which existed among the members of the St. John's society, Cardiff.

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The following letter has reached me from my friend the Rev. Canon Wardell Yerburch, Vicar of Tewkesbury, and I feel sure that I cannot do better than send it to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication, with a word of the heartiest commendation for the excellent project that it advocates. Mr. Norris, of whom Canon Wardell Yerburch speaks, is a son of the late Archdeacon Norris, of Bristol, sometime Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe, and was formerly curate of Tewkesbury. I earnestly hope that there may be a cordial response to his call for help.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE ABBEY, TEWKESBURY,

Feb. 15, 1908.

DEAR MR. DAVIES,

The Rev. Frank Norris, one of the heroes of the siege of the Legations during the Boxer riots, is trying to raise funds to purchase a tenor bell for the new church in Peking. He has asked me to appeal to the Church Ringers of England to help him to raise the necessary funds—a sum of £80 or thereabouts, including the cost of the bell, insurance, and carriage to North China.

Though a College Youth, I am now out of touch with the ringing world, and feel that you can bring this matter to the notice of campanalogists in a way that I could not hope to do. In 1898, at the request of the Bishop of N. China, I sent a bell out to Sir Claude Macdonald for the use of the legation. This bell was given by British subjects to commemorate Diamond Jubilee, and was conveyed there in one of H.M. ships—the "Thetis."

The bell became famous during the siege, and the bell-turret was used as a notice-board for all news and orders. When a fire broke out in the compound, or any part of the fortifications was in danger, the bell was rung, and the troops and defenders of the place rallied to the spot.

Mr. Norris is anxious to have a similar bell for the Church of Our Saviour. The bell at Peking was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, as well as another one which I sent to Tiensien some three years before.

It was hearing the bell in the English church at Tiensien which suggested to Sir Claude Macdonald that a bell might be a suitable memorial of the 60th year of the glorious reign of our late Queen.

I shall be happy to act as Treasurer, and the harder I am worked the better I shall like it! So I say "Go!" and you must not expect me to cry "Stand!"

Yours sincerely,

O. P. WARDELL YERBURGH.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 9th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Bates, C. R. Lilley, W. Stapleton, A. Robinson, J. Bates, P. Cooke. For evening service, 360 Kent. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton, C. R. Lilley, W. Stapleton, A. Robinson. And 360 of Double Court, standing as before, conducted by W. Stapleton.

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THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

We notice that on the last day of this month the "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Dinner will be held. A great admirer of the late distinguished ringer and composer in whose memory this annual commemoration is held, takes the chair on this occasion—Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield. It will be recollected that "THE BELL NEWS" first mooted the proposal that some recognition should be made to Mr. Johnson for his distinguished services among the Exercise. The proposal was warmly taken up, and culminated in the presentation of an oil painting of Mr. Johnson himself. The presentation, under most favorable and enthusiastic circumstances was made in a most appropriate manner, and in emblematical language by the gentleman who will preside next Saturday at the Commemorative festival.

ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, LONDON

On Saturday, February 8th, the parish church ringers were entertained to supper at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. Mosley). Sharp to time some eighteen members, together with a colleague from Bethnal Green, met at the rectory, and a hearty handshake, made their way to the spacious room adjoining, where tables were tastefully laid out with good old English fare, and it need hardly be said that full justice was done by all present.

Supper over, the company adjourned to the rectory, where the remainder of the evening was given over to music, and a lengthy program was proceeded with, almost every member contributing a song. A phonograph was also brought into requisition, and was duly appreciated. Midnight came all too soon, and the evening closed with "Auld lang syne."

The Poplar Guild, like many other societies, has had its ups and downs, and the majority of the present ringing company have only been in existence as ringers some four months. Things however are progressing favorably, and All Saints can now boast of a company of bona fide communicants, members of the church, a fact we have been trying to realise for some years past.

THE BELLS OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOWHILL.

[From the Middlesex County Association Annual Report.]

"'Tis thought the convent officiated in the Parish Church till the dissolution in 1537, when the 6 tunable bells were sold to the parish of St. Sepulchre." This is a footnote taken from an old engraving now existing at the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, and the particulars are probably taken from Stow's "Survey of London." In dealing with the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, Stow says, "This Church having in the bell tower six bells in a tune, those bells were sold to the Parish of St. Sepulchre." It has been contended by some that St. Bartholomew's church could boast of a ring of 12 bells; seeing that five remain to this day, but this point has been so ably treated by R. A. Daniell, Esq. in Vol. 23, of "THE BELL NEWS," page 74, that we need only recapitulate his argument to show that this was hardly probable. We are reminded by Mr. Daniell:—

(i) Stow speaks with precision of six-bells in the

Tower, meaning the Tower of the Priory church. If there had been 12 bells, he would have said so:—

(ii) The five bells preserved to the parish of St. Bartholomew were most probably the parochial bells, the old parish church having been pulled down in Stow's time, except the steeple of rotten timber, which as he describes it, was "ready to fall of itself."

(iii) If these bells had also belonged to the Priory, they would most certainly have been sold along with the six mentioned by Stow.

(iv) Peals of 12 bells were quite unknown in the early days. With one or two notable exceptions, the Report of the Commissioners in the reign of King Edward VI. speaks of rings of no more than five, or at most six bells. The greater number of rings consisted of 3 bells.

It is enough for our purpose that the history of the bells of St. Sepulchre's church cannot be traced beyond the transaction recorded at the outset, when the parish purchased six tunable bells from the Priory of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield.

We come now to the Great Fire of London in 1666, when St. Sepulchre's church and bells suffered very considerable damage. On the 30 October, 1666, the Vestry ordered that—

"Edward Webster of Whitecross Street, founder, clear and cleanse the bell metal melted by the fire, and upon delivery of the same to Mr. Carter, so cleared, Mr. Carter to pay him after the rate of 14s. for every cwt. of bell metal."

Again on the 13 December, 1666, it was ordered and agreed by the vestry, as follows:—

"That the churchwardens do forthwith cause all the pieces of broken bell metal to be taken up, and weighed, with the metal cleaned out of the dust, and that they deliver the same to John Hodson, of Bishopsgate Street, London, carpenter, he giving his Bond to cast the same into three sound and tunable bells of such weight as shall be agreed on, and to carry away the bell metal, and deliver the bells at his own charge before Easter day next, the bells to weigh the full weight, when cast and delivered as the bell metal shall contain, which is to be delivered to him, and that in consideration thereof, the churchwardens pay Mr. Hodson after the rate of 20s. for every cwt. the bells shall weigh; to be paid him when the same shall be hanged up and approved of for sound tunable bells."

In the meantime, the Vestry arranged for the covering of what proved to be a very dilapidated steeple, by determining on the 13 February following that steps should be taken for this purpose,

"and for the making of floors, providing of wheels, and other necessities for the rehanging of the bells, against they be brought in from the bellfounders";

and on the 22 March, 1667, the churchwardens were directed

"to be very careful as to the weighing of the bells, and for bringing them into the church."

It would be a natural inference that the church now started afresh with three renovated bells; but as, at no very distant date, we shall find the number of the bells increased to ten, it may well be that some of the bells escaped material damage in the Great Fire, and that the three bells made by John Hodson were designed to be made tunable with other bells. There is no definite entry in the Vestry Book to support any such theory, save perhaps an order on the 21st March 167(1)

"that the Deputy Common Council and Churchwardens, or any five of them, treat with Hodson the bellfounder concerning the bells that are faulty, and make some agreement with him as they shall think fit."

We cannot help wondering what was faulty; whether Hodson's own bells were out of tune, or whether any other

bells which escaped the Great Fire were found faulty; or whether an ineffectual attempt was made by Hodson to splice his bells with others that escaped injury. We do learn, however, that a Mr. Darby, a bellfounder, was called in by the Vicar, who was afterwards reimbursed the sum of £80 os. 6d., paid by him on account of the bells, of which sum, £67 7s. went to Mr. Darby, and the balance to Mr. Allen, a bellhanger. It seems a large sum to have paid, unless some addition were being made to the bells to complete the octave, and perhaps some light may be said to be thrown on this, by an order made on June 17th, 1671, to a Mr. Wyse, "to make a clock and chymes, the iron barrel to be for eight bells."

About this time the turret on the top of the steeple must have been getting dangerous, for on December 17th, 1677, it was ordered to be taken down with all convenient speed, and disposed of for the good of the parish, and the bells therein dealt with, as appointed by the Vestry. In this connection we read shortly after on January 28th, 167(8), that two new bells were ordered to be made, and the "bell and lead about the turret at the top of the steeple sold in order to defray the charge."

On August 5th, 1678, the Vestry found fault with Mr. Darby, the bellfounder, and ordered that he "be paid no more money till he hath made good the first bell." This was no other than the itinerant founder, Michael Darbie, who is said to have had a temporary foundry at Oxford in 1654-6 or perhaps later, as the five bells of Merton College were cast by him into eight in 1657. He also recast the bells of New College, originally five, into eight in 1655 (the two trebles of the present peal of ten being added in 1712, and others since recast by A. Rudhall); the only bells of Darbie's that remain being the present 3rd, 5th, 8th and 10th. We mention this, because Dr. Raven in his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire" says "his (Darbie's) wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood." Perhaps Dr. Raven is not far wrong in his estimate, when we reflect that the peal cast by Darbie for Merton College in 1657, was recast in 1680 by Christopher Hodson. We hear no more of Mr. Darby till October 27th, 1687, when the Churchwarden is ordered to pay him

"what is due to him on the former account for casting the two least bells, and also for what metal he hath added to the bell last cast, and as to his recompense for new casting the said bell, the Vestry do suspend the same till the same bell be better approved."

After this all connection with Mt. Darby appears to cease.

In 1680, the defects of the steeple were ordered to be forthwith repaired, and in 1683, the clapper of the tenor needing repair, the Churchwardens were directed to see to it. Five years later, the Vestry pass a resolution that the agreeing for a new bell in the place of that cast by Mr. Bartlett, be referred to the Churchwardens; and from this and a subsequent entry we gather that the bells required so much attention as to require the services of a bellhanger, who was appointed at a yearly salary. The reference to Mr. Bartlett, whose name appears in the Vestry records for the first time, is no doubt Mr. James Bartlett, who became a proprietor of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1676. In 1695, the Tenor was found to be cracked, and it was ordered by the Vestry "that notice be given to the noted bell casters in the City to bring in their proposals for recasting the bell. The

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour,

person subsequently employed was Mr. Thomas Covey, upon his sealing such articles, and giving such security as should be approved by the Churchwardens.

Though we have no definite information as to how or when the bells became increased to ten, we are told on January 9th, 169(5) that the Vestry being acquainted that some gentlemen were willing at their own charge to new cast the 9th bell, it was referred to the churchwardens. At a later period we learn who these gentlemen were; for on April 20th, 1699, we are informed that Mr. Richard Castleman, Mr. Peter Bradshaw, and Mr. Elisha Mason appeared in Vestry and made a proposal to take down the 9th bell and recast it, and to bring it home and set it up again at their own charges in six weeks' time, and that the same should be made musical and tunable, and the Vestry accepted this proposition and referred it to the Churchwardens.

"to see the bell taken down and delivered to the said persons, weighing the same out and in; they, the Churchwardens, then taking security from the said persons for the performance of the matter proposed; and that they be obliged to return the said bell of the same weight and goodness and metal as it now is, or better. If any of its weight should be wanting, they should pay to the Churchwardens the value thereof, and take care that they do no damage to the other bells."

Here then we may pause to admire the business-like character of the persons who composed the Vestry of that day. They had, moreover, a tender regard for the heritage of bells left them by their predecessors, which they felt it to be their bounden duty to hand down to their successors unimpaired: in which respect they most assuredly displayed a commendable zeal which is sadly wanting in many of the Church authorities of the present day.

About this time, the steeple remained in a very unsatisfactory condition, for a complaint was lodged by the Vintner at the Castle Tavern close by, that the stones falling from the Church steeple had done, and are likely to do, damage to his house; and it was referred to the Churchwardens to take care to prevent the same for the future. It was not however, till 1705, that the condition of the steeple was taken seriously into consideration, when a Committee was formed to raise money, to defray the cost of the work, which was then put in hand and completed.

Mr. Elisha Mason, who was one of the gentlemen who undertook to recast the 9th bell at their own cost, appears to have been a bellfounder, for on September 25, 1701, he was ordered to be paid £5 3s. 6d. for recasting the 2nd bell; and £5 was at the same time paid to a Mr. Samuel Wythers for bell ropes. In 1703, the bellhanger appointed in 1690 at a yearly salary, died or resigned, for we are informed that in this year the Vestry proceeded to make choice of a bellhanger. There was also a person appointed to look after the repairs of the clock and chimes; but so frequent were the complaints that the parish was ill-served in the matter of the clock and chimes that, in 1741, the Vestry ordered that Langley Bradley be not paid for looking after the clock and chimes, till they go better."

In 1712, the Vestry ordered "that the 7th bell in ten, that is now cracked, be new cast against the time of hanging up the rest of the bells"; and "that the great bell that hangs by itself in the loft next the ringing-loft be taken down by the churchwardens forthwith." So far, we have had no direct reference to a great bell apart from the peal of ten; but it may be that this was the bell alluded to in 1698 as having been supplied by Mr. Bartlett, and requiring to be recast. The recasting of the 7th

bell was done by Mr. Richard Phelps, of the White-chapel Foundry, who was paid £22 10s. for the same in 1714, apart from the cost of the hanging, which amounted to £30. The great bell that was taken down was in the following year ordered by the Churchwardens to be sold to the "best chapman," and the proceeds applied to the use of the Church and bells.

After this, there is no material alteration recorded till we come to March 10th, 173(9), when the Vestry passed a resolution "that all the old bells (except the old treble) being nine bells in number, be taken down out of the steeple and new cast, and also that a new bell be cast to make up the said nine bells to ten bells, to be rung together in peal." We know, from the inscriptions on the bells, that this work was carried out by Samuel Knight, and we also know that the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th of this peal still remain. Samuel Knights' foreman was Robert Catlin, who, as the inscription on the 9th bell tells us "made the frame and hung the bells." Robert Catlin also in 1763, by which time he had succeeded to Samuel Knights' business, did some repairs to the belfry fittings, at a cost of £6 10s.

As will be seen by the following inscriptions, several of Samuel Knight's bells have since been recast:—

- Treble.*—"Thomas Mears and Son of London fecit, 1807."
 2—"s + k + 1739."
 3—"s + k + 1739."
 4—"s + k + 1739."
 5—"s + k + 1739."
 6—"Thomas Mears of London tecit,"
 7—"Thomas Mears and Son of London fecit, 1830."
 8—"s + k + 1739."
 9—"Samuel Knight cast us all, and Robert Catlin made the frame and hung us all, 1739."
 10—"T. Mears of London fecit. Joseph Hearn, Thos. Henry Fenton and Charles Thos. Dupree Churchwardens. Recast 1830."

The Tenor is 56½ inches in diameter, weighs 31 cwt. 14 lbs., and gives out a grand note D. The cost of casting the 6th and the tenor in 1830 was £178 10s. 6d. A general rehanging of the bells was made in 1904 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of £196.

There are several peal Tablets in the Tower, one of which records the peal without recording the names. It runs as follows:

"On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the College Youths in this steeple rang completely 5000 Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. and 45 minutes," and adds the well-known refrain—

"When merit's justly due, a little praise than serveth,
 A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

It may here be mentioned that a College Youths peal is recorded (in Banister's book) of Grandsire Caters in 17 , which must have been rung upon the old peal of ten.

Of other Tablets in the Tower, one records a peal of 5111 Grandsire Caters rung on December 10th, 1793, by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths, and another a peal, the first in the method, of 5055 changes, Stedman Caters, rung on January 24th, 1857, by the St. James' Society. This Society has also a Tablet to commemorate the ringing of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to open the Holborn Viaduct on Saturday, November 6th, 1869.

Two other Tablets remain to be recorded—one to commemorate the opening of the Church after its restoration, when on May 3rd, 1880, ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Caters consisting of 5001 changes in 3 hrs. 32 minutes; and the more modern Tablet of all records a peal of Stedman Caters of

5105 changes, rung in 3 hrs. and 32 mins. by ten members of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

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| Reuben Charge Treble. | William Pye 6. |
| James George 2. | William J. Nudds ... 7. |
| Geo. R. Pye 3. | Albert E. Church ... 8. |
| John D. Matthews ... 4. | Ernest Pye 9. |
| Bertram Prewett 5. | Daniel Lovett Tenor. |

Conducted by William Pye.

This peal was rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Institution of the Rev. Edgar Rogers as Vicar, and was the first peal after the rehanging of the bells.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. Edgar Rogers for his assistance in the compilation of this notice, and it is hardly too much to say that without Mr. Lovett's intimate knowledge of the Vestry records, this story of the bells could never have been written.

A. T. K.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Mr. Lindoff's first paragraph is nothing but irrelevant personality, and so I pass it over and proceed to the rest of his letter. He states six imperfections in variation B which he says that I have passed over. If he will read my letters again he will see that I have already stated them all, and moreover the last two are really one, and London Surprise on ten bells must have 9ths place instead of 7ths, which one would expect for the following reasons:—

1. In Minor and Major the bell that does 5, 6, 5 work when the treble is in 3-4, hunts up behind by a Treble Bob hunt, and dodges behind with the treble. This bell is the 8th in Major, i.e. the bell hunting before the 7th, which makes the places down, and so it must be the 9th in Royal. Here the 9th must dodge with the treble in 9-10, and that puts her in 9ths place when the treble strikes the first blow of her whole pull behind.

2. In Minor and Major the 2nd and 4th change places when the treble strikes her whole pull behind. Hence they must do so in Royal, hence the 9th must make the place.

Taking 1 and 2 together we are forced to make 9ths place instead of 7ths. Mr. Lindoff then states that as a deviation from true London had to be made he preferred to make it while the treble was in 3-4. Now this is the most important point. In order to produce London Royal you must proceed without any alteration from London Minor and Major rules if you can; failing that, you must make the least deviation possible, and it must be when the treble is in a new position if possible. Mr. Lindoff has therefore to prove that bells lie still in 5-6 and not in 1-2 in Minor and Major when the treble is in 3-4, in order to justify the making of those places with the treble in 3-4, and he has also to prove that the six points he mentions in variation B with the treble in 9-10 are excluded by anything in Minor or Major. In brief, to prove that his method is London Royal, he must prove that the treble is never in 3-4 in Minor and Major, and to prove that mine is not London Royal he must prove that the treble is in 9-10 in Minor and Major. In addition to this he has never explained why he may make two internal places at a cross section.

I think that this discussion as far as Mr. Lindoff and myself are concerned has at present gone far enough in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," as I do not see how we can get further without diagrams; and if he will send me his postal address I shall be glad to send him full diagrams, which I am sorry that I cannot expect you, Sir, to print.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—Mr. James has clearly pointed out what qualities London Royal should contain, and has worked out a good example on the plan. I don't agree with Mr. Trollope in trying

to prevent the subject going before the Central Council's next meeting, whatever the result, nor the ground upon which he gives his decision on the method. He says Mr. Lindoff's method has been rung. I don't consider that in this case counts. Of Mr. James's method he says the sins here are as big as others in another place; but this is not so, as I will try and show in my way. I shall try and dip into the family matters of London Surprise for my explanation. Now London is a peculiar method, and not the least of its peculiarities will be found in the work round and about the treble's dodging. Those who wish to follow should bring out their "Standard Methods"; and "THE BELL NEWS" for the 25th ult., and carefully note the blue line work in 1-2 in the former, where the treble is dodging in 3-4 in the first and third leads. This done, now compare this elaborate work of the blue line with Mr. Lindoff's method and see what is there given and how much the work differs. Well, Sir, there is only a simple long dodge, all the Stedman whole turn, and the only snapping blow the method has is cleared away and gone. This work I would add is upheld and maintained in both the Minor and Major variations, and any Royal method should retain this feature, and thus maintain the resemblance of the family, which is here so prominently represented. Now side by side of Mr. Lindoff's method we have several others. In each of them the work in 1-2 I have mentioned is given. Now I am aware a similar argument may be used against the bracketed changes of Mr. James's method, and if so I will say that herein lie all his sins; while besides those I have pointed out there are others that can be noted in method D, so I cannot favour Mr. Trollope's choice as I don't consider it the best.

H. DAINS.

A FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Mr. F. H. Dexter has called attention to the first peal of Double Oxford Major in the Central Council Collection, which, as he rightly states, is false. As my name is given as being responsible for that group, I think it only due to myself to explain the circumstances, and to repudiate any responsibility for such an error. I was asked to undertake the compilation of the peals of Double Oxford Major. This I did, and sent my results to the Peal Committee. No proof was sent me for revision, and when the Section II. was published I found to my surprise (and I may say annoyance) that Mr. Dains's peal had been added without my knowledge or any reference to me at all. Had I been accorded the courtesy of seeing a proof copy, as I think I ought, I certainly do not believe that I should have allowed a peal, which is false at sight, to appear in a collection under my name. I ought to have called attention to it at the time, but I was very busy just then, and let the matter slide.

Framlingham, Feb. 18, 1908.

J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

SIR,—Will J. Motts (Ipswich), C. W. Clarke (Bedford), F. G. Burleigh (Birmingham), send me at once the figures of their peals rung at Loughborough—Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters respectively.

HARRY WHITTLE, Local Hon. Sec.

85, Burder Street, Loughborough.

BELL FRAMES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. J. Tucker re deal bell frames, only last week I took a deal frame out of a tower for Messrs. Barwell. This will be replaced by a cast iron H frame on rolled steel joists, and will carry a new ring of six. There are several other deal and pitch pine frames in different parts of the country, and if these are properly constructed of substantial timber, they are as rigid as those made of oak, only of course not so durable.

J. E. GROVES.

A DISCLAIMER AND APOLOGY.

SIR,—On reflection, I do not like the idea of including in my record a peal in which the tenor came in for a time on the wrong stroke, while the changes were correctly rung. This happened at Barton-le-Clay on February 5th in a peal of Stedman Triples. I therefore hereby disclaim that peal, and make my apology for not preventing its being sent for publication.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1908.

READERS of this journal are fully acquainted with the fact that one of the principal reasons for its existence is to advocate the constant provision, extension, and augmentation of Church Bells. With pardonable pride, it is hoped, when referring to the annals of "THE BELL NEWS" we find that in several instances our efforts have been the actual means of churches possessing rings of bells in places where they were never previously thought of. This fact goes a great way to show that there are excellent reasons for our being, and well-doing.

A recent case of the kind we are dealing with is just brought to our notice. And we cannot make this known better than by inserting the following letter from an influential gentleman who prefers for the present to conceal his identity. This letter is as follows:—

"TRURO CATHEDRAL.

"SIR,—You kindly allowed me to draw attention in your columns to the generous donation which insured the completion of the western towers of Truro Cathedral; and to express a hope that their design would be so modified

as to adapt one of them to hold a ring of bells, for which the central tower was unfit. The matter was warmly taken up in Cornwall; the local papers published my letter and your comments on it, with the excellent result that the north-west tower is to be prepared for a ring of ten; and that as soon as the building contract was signed, donors of all the ten bells came forward; the tenor (35 cwt.), being the gift of the lady who builds the towers. It is understood that the peal will be cast by Taylor, who has some excellent rings in Cornwall—at Kea, Kenwyn, Helston, St. Austell, etc. All that will then be wanting will be a great hour bell, of some six tons, in the south tower, as at Beverley Minster. AN OLD RINGER."

15th February, 1908.

If the idea of a six-ton bell in the south-west tower becomes realised, as no doubt it will, the Chapter of the Cathedral will assuredly require a Church clock of noble dimensions, and in such circumstance it is hoped that they will endeavour to get the best and most experienced horologists to carry out such a work.

The Metropolis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MOORE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EDWARD F. COLE Treble. | ALBERT H. WHITTINGTON .. 5. |
| JOHN P. KENT 2. | EDWARD CASSBELL 6. |
| E. RALPH MACKRILL 3. | *FRANK SKEVINGTON 7. |
| GEORGE C. ILES 4. | GEORGE W. COOMBS Tenor. |

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

First peal by a local band. *First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Kent and Todd.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

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| RICHARD F. DEAL Treble. | JAMES E. DAVIS 6. |
| EDWIN BARNETT 2. | ARTHUR N. HARDY 7. |
| WILLIAM HEWETT 3. | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 8. |
| HORATIO GUMMER 4. | THOMAS LANGDON 9. |
| FRANK BENNETT 5. | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5065 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| BERTRAM PREWETT Treble. | CHARLES POTHECARY 6. |
| WILLIAM PYE 2. | HARRY SEAR 7. |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG 3. | ALBERT W. COLES 8. |
| JOHN J. LAMB 4. | JAMES GEORGE 9. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 5. | WILLIAM PARTISS Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

WEVILISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6 score. Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| J. GREEDY* Treble. | *J. HARTWELL 4. |
| C. RICHARDS* 2. | †A. H. HAYWARD 5. |
| W. HARTWELL* 3. | W. TRICKEY Tenor. |

Conducted by A. H. HAYWARD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CABTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| GEO. ALLEN* Treble. | F. J. MYNARD 5. |
| REV. C. B. HULTON 2. | W. FREEMAN 6. |
| J. LOVELL 3. | C. W. CLARKE 7. |
| H. L. HARLOW† 4. | WM. COCKINGS Tenor. |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Wm. Sargent, who died on Friday, January 24th, and who was for forty-three years a ringer at the above church.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

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| CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble. | JOHN HARE 5. |
| TOM TEBBUTT 2. | REV. C. H. HULTON 6. |
| FREDERICK BONNER 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7. |
| FRED WILFORD 4. | *FRANK YORK Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| CHARLES COUPE Treble. | THOMAS RILEY 5. |
| JESSE MOSS 2. | HARRY MOSS 6. |
| GEORGE W. MOSS 3. | JOHN FLINT 7. |
| REV. A. T. BEESTON 4. | WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 7, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| WALTER RADLEY Treble. | *GEO. FLATT 5. |
| LEONARD DICKERSON* .. 2. | WM. EVERETT 6. |
| WM. WESTLAKE 3. | THOS. FITZJOHN 7. |
| HORACE HAWES* 4. | CHAS. CARTER Tenor. |

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. *First peal. First peal on the bells since 1791 by an entirely local band.

GATESHEAD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOSEPH ROWELL Treble. | WILLIAM S. STORY 5. |
| GEORGE T. POTTER 2. | ROBERT RICHARDS 6. |
| ALFRED F. HILLIER 3. | C. CAREW COX 7. |
| JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4. | JOHN STUART Tenor. |

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| J. MADDOCKS Treble. | W. CHAPMAN 5. |
| E. LLOYD* 2. | S. P. MERSON 6. |
| R. SCOTT 3. | E. E. BURGESS 7. |
| F. MILLARD 4. | W. WHITE Tenor. |

Conducted by J. MADDOCKS.

*First peal of Triples.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday February 8, 1908 in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

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| JAMES A. ROOKWOOD .. Treble. | JOHN HARE 5. |
| CHARLES R. WING 2. | BERTIE WILSON 6. |
| CHARLES A. PRATT 3. | FREDERICK BONNER 7. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 4. | ALFRED KING Tenor. |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late King Carlos and his son the late Crown Prince, as a last token of respect.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| JAMES NICKERSON Treble. | DANIEL REDHEAD 5. |
| FRANK KIRK 2. | WILLIAM J. GILBERT 6. |
| HENRY STUBBS 3. | FRED BARBER 7. |
| LEONARD WYMAN* 4. | FRED GILBERT Tenor. |

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

*First peal. This is the quickest peal of Major rung upon these bells.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. JONES Treble. | JOHN JENNINGS 6. |
| JAMES JONES 2. | RICHARD HACKLEY 7. |
| THOMAS COLLINSON 3. | WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8. |
| EDMUND J. HYLAND 4. | FRANK BENNETT 9. |
| ALFRED T. HYLAND 5. | GEORGE ELLIS Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. G. ELLIS.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble. | JOHN SMITH 5. |
| JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 2. | JESSE SCREEN 6. |
| ALFRED ROWLEY 3. | *ELIJAH PAGETT 7. |
| THOMAS HORTON 4. | RICHARD SPEKEMAN Tenor. |

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to His Majesty the late King, and the Crown Prince of Portugal.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB [BRANCH].)

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. in C minor.

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| JAMER MOSS Treble. | JULIUS SNOW 5. |
| FRANK J. DAVEY 2. | EDMUND SARGENT 6. |
| THOMAS LAVER 3. | WILLIAM RICHARDSON 7. |
| JOHN R. HAYMAN 4. | ADOLPHUS SNOW Tenor. |

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal of Triples rung on these bells, which are known as the "Stafford" or "Minor" peal.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN WOODWARD† Treble. | JOHN JOHNSON 5. |
| GEORGE A. SMITH 2. | WM FITCHFORD 6. |
| GEORGE WOODS 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD 7. |
| ARTHUR LATHAM 4. | JOE RIDYARD Tenor. |

Composed by S. WOODS, and Conducted by JOE RIDYARD.

†First peal of Major.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble. | WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5. |
| WILLIAM MOTTS 2. | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6. |
| EDWARD EVANS 3. | JAMES MOTTS 7. |
| WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 4. | ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor. |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang to celebrate the birthday of W. J. Nevard, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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| ALFRED J. TURNER Treble. | ROBERT J. DAWE 5. |
| ALBERT D. STONE 2. | WILLIAM PALMER 6. |
| EDWARD C. MERRITT 3. | KEITH HART 7. |
| CHARLES PALMER 4. | ALFRED CARPENTER Tenor. |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Treble. | THOMAS J. RIPPIN 5. |
| HARRY ARGVLE 2. | JOHN GOODYER 6. |
| WALTER MARTIN 3. | JAMES F. CLARKE 7. |
| JOSEPH H. WHITE 4. | JOHN BALLARD Tenor. |

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

This is the first peal on this musical ring of bells from the Loughborough foundry, which were dedicated by the Dean of Hereford the previous Sunday.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, February 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| HENRY SIMMONDS Treble. | ERNEST W. MENDAY 5. |
| GEORGE IRVINE 2. | EDWIN J. MENDAY 6. |
| JOSEPH HANDS 3. | GEORGE ESSEX 7. |
| LEWIS GREEN 4. | RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| HENRY STALHAM Treble. | CHARLES T. COLES 5. |
| EDWARD C. MERBITT 2. | WILLIAM C. HART 6. |
| WILLIAM PALMER 3. | GEORGE A. KING 7. |
| CHARLES PALMER 4. | KEITH HART Tenor. |

Composed by J. PATRICK, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

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| GEORGE BLOOR Treble. | ALBERT LAWTON 5. |
| SIDNEY CHURTON 2. | CHARLES PAGE 6. |
| GEORGE WOODS 3. | FREDERICK PAGE 7. |
| ALBERT CLOWES 4. | JOSEPH SIMISTER Tenor. |

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

†First peal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. Treble. | CHARLES T. COLES 5. |
| ROBERT E. STAVERT 2. | WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6. |
| JAMES MERRICK 3. | WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7. |
| BERTRAM PREWETT 4. | HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Handbell Peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. KEEBLE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| HARRY MOSS 1-2 | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5-6. |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4 | JOHN FLINT 7-8. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Umpire—George W. Moss.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRENTHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 8th, at St. Nicholas' church, a date touch of 1908 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. J. Naunton, Rev. W. H. Bonsey, F. W. Naunton, E. Nunn, J. Spencer, J. Larter conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On January 13th, 720 London Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller, H. Torble, G. Dawson conductor, J. Moule. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Dawson. The following three 720s were rung with bells deeply muffled at the desire of the Vicar as a tribute of respect to the late King Carlos and the Crown Prince of Portugal: 720 London Surprise. P. A. Coard, S. Hayes, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Bird, G. F. Margetson, S. Hayes, H. Torble, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 720 Wells Surprise. G. F. Margetson, S. Hayes, J. Moule, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. On February 10th, 720 Chester Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 720 Carlisle Surprise. F. Squires, S. Hayes, J. Moule, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble.

BRAINTREE.—On Saturday, February 8th, for the funeral of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal, 720 Bob Minor, 68 covering, with the bells half-muffled. F. J. Fuller, H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, H. J. Collins, P. Holmes, S. R. Roper, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Ely. On Sunday, February 9th, for the memorial service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, composed by G. F. Williams. F. J. Fuller, H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, H. J. Collins, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, S. R. Roper, E. F. Slade.

DAGENHAM.—On Wednesday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor J. Hawkins, C. Rochester, R. Ward conductor, E. Hawkins, G. Playle, J. Dale. On November 24th, 720 Double Court. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On December 7th, two 720s of Minor. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On December 10th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, R. Ward, H. Carter, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, R. Ward. And 720 Double Oxford. J. Hawkins, R. Miles, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. First in the method by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On February 14th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins. A. James, A. Humphrey, J. W. Wells, A. Poole, G. H. Kite, G. Huxley, T. Hasford conductor, W. James.

MILTON (near Gravesend).—On January 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, E. Heath, R. Ward conductor, R. Miles, R. Cope, L. Silver.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 27th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at West Ham to-day, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 5 in the Meeson Hall, 9d. each to those who inform me by the 19th inst.

F. BENNETT, *Sec.*

3, Harls Lane, New Cross, S.E.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington to-day, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells ready at 5, business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton to-day, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea at 4.30. F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

55, Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown to-day, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea at Oddfellows' Hall at 5.30. Meeting after.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Histon, near Cambridge, this Saturday afternoon, February 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate and Capel to-day, Saturday Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at Capel church at 6 p.m. Tea at The Crown inn at 6.30. Meeting to follow.

REV. E. T. GOTTO, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chicheley, Bucks. on Saturday, February 29th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Lan Chester on Saturday, February 29th. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. 1s. each to those who let me know by February 25th.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, Durham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christ-

church District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Lydinge on Saturday, February 29th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

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St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 29th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, when the chair will be taken by Charles Henry Hattersley, esq. of Sheffield. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be ringing on the twelve bells at St. Martins from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Tickets free to fully qualified members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 26th, to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, on Saturday, February 29th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Mottram Saturday, February 29th. Tea, 9d. each to non-resident members and visitors.

A. T. BEBSTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, February 29th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4. 1s. 6d. each to non-members. E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, February 29th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 2 to 5, and after the meeting. Service at St. Bartholomew's church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. W. H. Aitken, Rector. Tea at the School Hall by invitation of the Rector, at 6, followed by business. Subscriptions will be received for the presentation to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. J. J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing from 3 till 7. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Nomination meeting at Armley on Saturday, February 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at

Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Cafe at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, March 7th. Members please note. SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East on Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. Please note the change of date from February 29th to March 7th, which has been unavoidable.

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Obituary.**JOHN ROGERS.**

A very full and interesting account of the above ringer with his portrait appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 27th, 1894. Born at Woodstock, in Oxfordshire, in the year 1835, his ringing career was spent between London and Oxford, and his interesting experiences are fully narrated. For many years he was a highly respected and active member of the Cumberland Youths, but latterly his ringing efforts were much reduced. His health failed, and for some considerable time prior to his death, which occurred at the residence of his son, Mr. Albert E. Rogers, in Holloway

Road, on January 3rd last, he had been a great sufferer from paralysis, and in his case death must have been in a very real sense a deliverance from the burden of the flesh. He was buried at Finchley. Unfortunately the day and hour fixed for the funeral did not enable many ringers who would have wished so to do to attend the last ceremony, but a bell rope was placed on his coffin by a sympathetic hand. Many readers will remember him in his prime with esteem and regret, and call to mind pleasant hours spent with him in the steeple and social converse.

WARBLETON.

At St. Mary's church the five old

bells have been recast, and one new one added to the tower in remembrance of Mr. J. D. Havilham, and was dedicated on January 26th by the Rev. —. Pratt, Rector of Warbleton. The first touch was rung by Messrs. Brett (3), Barrow, Hook, and Pilbeam. Several other ringers visited the tower on the same day at 1.30, and rang some excellent touches. The work was done by Messrs. Taylor, and has given great satisfaction.

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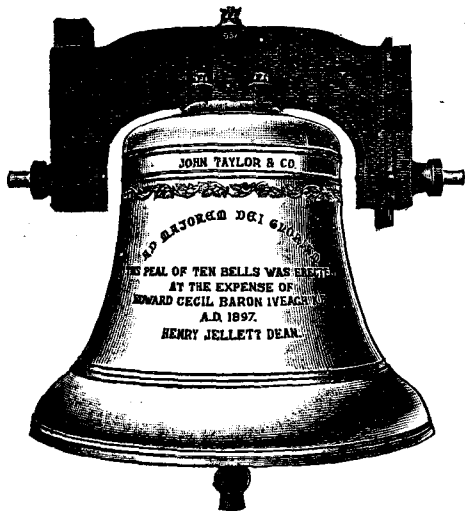
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MISTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, February 9th, the local company, with the assistance of Messrs. W. J. Nevard and J. Bowell, of Great Bentley, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late King of Portugal. G. Biggs, J. Bowell, F. Souter, W. Honeywood, J. Souter. W. J. Nevard conductor. And a touch of Cambridge Surprise.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.

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The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £339,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654: their average duration exceeds eleven years.

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The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

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H. A. HARBEN, *Acting Chairman.*
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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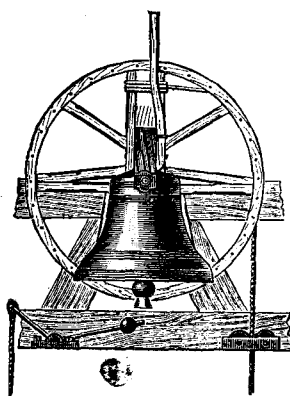
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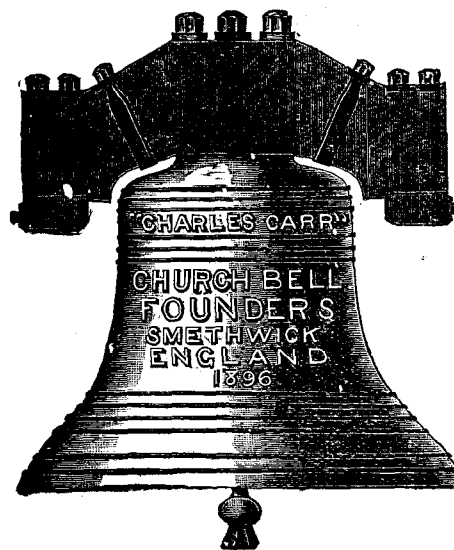
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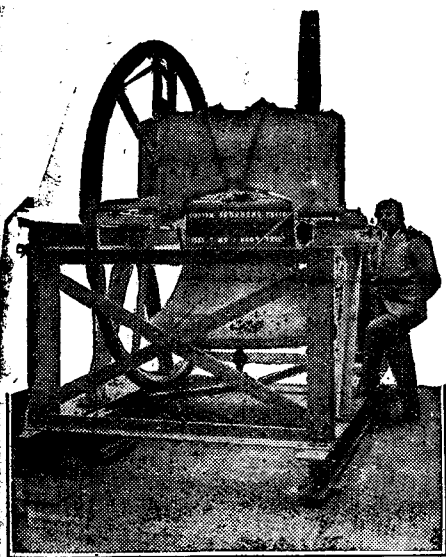
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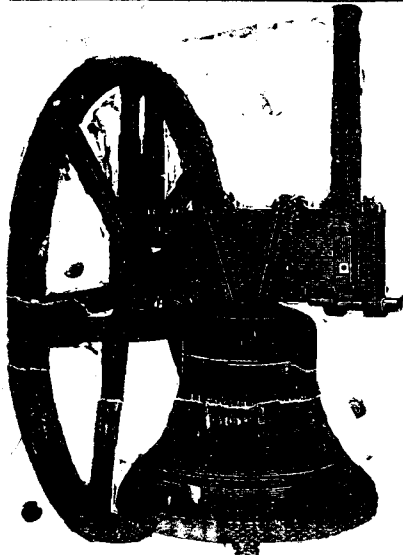
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EAST ALLINGTON, DEVON.

The re-dedication of the ring of bells at East Allington took place on Monday, the 17th instant, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. The service opened with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the first lesson was read by the Rev. V. Young, and the second by the Rev. T. C. Lewis. After the hymn "Come unto Me, ye weary," the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. J. J. Mallock) and the rural dean, and the churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the re-dedication service took place. Then followed the hymn, "When morning gilds the sky," and "Lifted gently to their cradle" was the hymn before the sermon.

The Bishop said that the bells rededicated that day were the trumpet-call which summoned the army of the living God to join its forces in worship and in prayer. They should never be rung for worldly sorrow or exultation. There was a time when bellringing had come to be thought of in a careless way; and the thought of God, the thought that bellringing was a part of the service of God, and the spiritual ministry of the Church, was hardly regarded. And things used to go on in belfries which ought not to be any part of a service in a building dedicated to the service of God. Thank God those things were altered. In the Exeter diocese bellringing was carried on in such a manner as to make the bell-chamber a part of the house of God. Bellringing demanded self-control, patience, power to work in harmony with each other, and in accordance with the rules of the art. Bellringing was being made a real education, and played its part with its spiritual life of the parish and of the church. Let all who were bellringers, or who aspired to become bellringers, all those who were beginning to see the almost endless scope which there was for further skill in the art and science of bellringing, that they were in common combined with prayer and worship in the ministry.

The bells now number six, and form a pretty and handy peal. There were formerly five. A new treble, weighing 5½ cwt., has been added, and the old tenor, weight 12 cwt., has been recast. The work of casting was done by Mears and Stainbank, who also tuned the other bells. Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, supplied a new iron cage, new oak beams and floor for carrying the cage, new fittings, and a chiming apparatus. There were thirteen companies at the reopening, and the utmost satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the whole work had been carried out.

A public luncheon was presided over by the Rev. J. J. Mallock. The Rev. F. A. Saunders (rural dean) proposed "The Committee and Churchworkers," and congratulated them on the splendid success achieved. Messrs. Grills and Tucker and the Rev. J. J. Mallock responded, the latter stating that Lord Ashcombe would contribute £150 to the restoration fund. It was chiefly due to him that the restoration had been carried out.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The bells of St. Barnabas church, Queen Camel, after being rehung, were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Wells on Thursday, February 13th. The work, which consisted of rehanging the six bells, recasting the treble and 5th, and tuning the whole peal, was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, whose work has given the utmost satisfaction. The grand tenor in the key of C, 37 cwt., and the 5th are of remarkable fine tone, and give a most perfect finish to the peal. The astonishing power of these bells combined with their delicious sweetness and deep sonorous tones makes this an exceptionally fine ring, of which it is doubtful if their equal are to be found in England, and of which the village might justly be very proud.

After the dedication service was over, the local band started the bells, then the visiting ringers from Langport, Castle Cary, Butleigh, Street, Balloneborough, Ditchcat, and Marnhull, rang short touches of Grandsire Caters, all expressing their great delight in the very excellent go and tone of the same. The work of restoration reflects the greatest credit on the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch was held at Boyn Hill on Saturday, February 8th, in delightful weather. About 120 members were present, representing Boyn Hill, Bray, Burnham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, Farnham Royal, Hughenden, Marlow, Old Windsor, Reading, Slough, Stoke Poges, Wooburn, Wycombe, etc. Early in the afternoon the ringers arrived in small contingents, and touches in various methods were rung.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, and Canon Drummond preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, while the hymns were 379, 215, and the special ringers' hymn written by the hon. secretary of the branch, the Rev. H. C. Wilder.

A capital meat tea in the boys' schoolroom was provided at 5.15. The business meeting followed, Canon Drummond, the president of the branch, presiding, supported by Mr. E. Gardner, M.P., the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Messrs. Hobbie and Duncan (churchwardens), and others. A verse of the National Anthem having been sung, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the chairman (in the absence of the popular hon. secretary, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, through an attack of influenza), was adopted.

A question of ladgings for an instructor having arisen and been satisfactorily explained, the balance-sheet was, on the proposition of Mr. J. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. F. Bissley, duly passed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, excusing himself being absent owing to indisposition, and congratulating Mr. George Martin on the peal of Cambridge Surprise rung on January 4th.

The Chairman then gave his annual address, and after-

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wards read the report of the secretary. He proposed that it be received with many thanks, and expressed regret that the secretary was not with them. This was seconded by Mr. H. Straford and passed.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Chairman, Canon Drummond; Secretary, Rev. H. C. Wilder; Treasurer, Mr. Saunders. Additional representatives of the Guild Committee, Messrs. R. Biggs and G. Martin.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis then gave some interesting figures with reference to the Guild. Eighty-six peals had been rung, which was within one of the highest reached by the Guild, viz., 87. He was glad to say that although he had lowered the income-tax and had only asked for 7d. in the 1s. instead of 8d., their balance at Lloyds' bank was £66 11s. 1d., with a reserve of £6 17s. 5d., making a total balance in hand of £73 8s. 6d. As they knew, the annual meeting of the Guild was to be at Buckingham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the preacher, the organist and choir, and the meeting terminated. A move was afterwards made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise were rung by the various members.

On Saturday, February 15th, the Reading branch held its annual meeting. The proceedings opened with a touch of Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence's church, conducted by A. W. Osborne. A move was then made for St. Mary's, where service was held at 6 o'clock, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob Major being rung previously. The Rev. W. Neville preached a very able sermon to the ringers present.

The supper, business meeting, and smoker was held at Mr. Phillips's dining rooms, about sixty sitting down. The repeat over the chairman (Mr. J. Martin Routh) proposed "The King." Mr. A. W. Osborne (branch secretary) next read the minutes, and balance-sheet for the past year. The election of officers was then proceeded with, Mr. F. Sweetzer proposing that to save time they should all be re-elected, which proposal was approved of. Mr. T. E. Glanville having gone to reside at Colnbrook, he wished to resign his membership on the Guild Committee, and on the proposition of Mr. Osborne Mr. L. Green (Caversham) was elected in his stead. The chairman alluded to the absent faces from their midst, especially mentioning one who he was sorry to say was lying very dangerously ill at that moment in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, viz., Mr. Charles Chapman, of Tilehurst, whom they had all known for many years. He was a ringer very much respected, and he (the chairman) was sure they would join with him in sympathising with Mr. Chapman and his family in their unfortunate position. It would be most gratifying to Mr. Chapman to receive a letter of sympathy from this meeting, and Mr. Osborne was asked to do so at an early date.

Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Vicar of St. Lawrence's) proposed "Prosperity to the Guild," to which, as he said, we all belong, and was an excellent one, and a very powerful body in that part of the country. Many years he had been a member, and his own feeling was that if they were going to rise and ring prosperity to the Guild, they will be behind unless they strive to do their best. It ought to grow in numbers, and as far as possible in the advancement of the higher acquirements of the art. He felt sorry they had not the presence of the worthy Master, the Rev. F. B. Robinson. In his absence he had the pleasure of coupling the name of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis,

Secretary, and Mr. A. E. Rees, Assistant Secretary, of the Guild, both of whom responded.

Mr. Wright was entrusted with the toast of "The Reading Branch," and in a few remarks he coupled the names of the most worthy chairman, and their secretary, viz., J. Martin Routh, Esq., and A. W. Osborne.

The rest of the evening was indulged in harmony. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close the most successful gathering it has been the lot of the Reading Branch to hold. A. W. O.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Sidcup on Saturday, Feb. 1st.

Ringling commenced at the Parish Church (St. John the Evangelist) at 4 p.m., and was continued till 5.30 p.m., when a good muster attended Divine Service, and listened to an excellent address by the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin, M.A., who based his remarks on the life of the ringer with the life and pull of the bell, and who spoke in high terms of his ringers, who only missed ringing for one Sunday service during 1907.

An adjournment was then made to St. John's Hall, where an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, was awaiting the members, to which over fifty sat down, the Vicar presiding, supported by both churchwardens.

The business meeting followed. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and signed. Several new members elected. St. Nicholas, Deptford, was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 2nd.

A discussion then followed as to the way the towers in this district were used by another Association to score peal points, which several took part in, and was ultimately left for the District Secretary to call together representatives of the different towers, as soon as possible, to thoroughly discuss the matter.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and splendid tea, to the churchwardens for attending, the choir for their services in church, to Mrs. Spurgin and the other ladies who had so kindly waited on us at tea. The Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Beaven very suitably responded.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

RINGING BIG BELLS.

SIR,—I awaited the receipt of your issue for the 22nd of February to see if any one with a more able pen than mine replied to your correspondent "B. Claydon" in your issue of the 15th. I have always desired to know what mechanical advantage is gained by using a raised platform for big bell ringing, other than keeping the extra coils of rope (due to the larger diameter of the wheel) clear of the ringers' feet when the bell is pulled off at handstroke, and it seems to assist the free play of the rope generally. The same result would, I take it, be obtained by forming a sinking in the floor of the ringing chamber equal to the height of the box, although this is nearly always impossible, especially from an architectural point of view. The use of a raised box appears to have this advantage, that the ringer is nearer the bell (if but slightly), consequently there is a little less spring in the rope. I shall be very glad if anyone will let me know if my ideas are wrong. WM. LAWRENCE.

(Continuation of Correspondence will be found on Page 592).

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 3rd and 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 12th and 26th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th and 24th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chicheley, Bucks. to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The pre Lent meeting will be held at Lan Chester to-day, Saturday February 29th. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, Durham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Lympne to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harlow to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Commemorative Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, February 29th at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, when the chair will be taken by Charles Henry Hattersley, esq., of Sheffield. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be ringing on the twelve bells at St. Martin's from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Mottram, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Tea, 9d. each to non-resident members and visitors.

A. T. BRISTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swineshead to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ser-

vice at 3.30. Tea at 4, 1s. 6d. each to non-members.
E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Gnildford District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Haslemere to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 2 to 5, and after the meeting. Service at St. Bartholomew's church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. W. H. Aitken, Rector. Tea at the School Hall by invitation of the Rector, at 6, followed by business. Subscriptions will be received for the presentation to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

J. J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing from 3 till 7. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Nomination meeting at Armley to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Cafe at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.

Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, March 7th. Members please note

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East on Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Cortett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. Please note the change of date from February 29th to March 7th, which has been unavoidable.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 7th. Meeting in the Kirkland School at 5 p.m. Bells (10), available all day.

W. ROBINSON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Longton, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Committee meeting in the upper vestry at 4.30 p.m. Unveiling of peal-board at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the schools at 6 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be 3d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton, not later than March 4th.

REV. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5. There will be a free tea provided for those who send in their names not later than Wednesday, March 4th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

On Tuesday, January 28th, the ringers of the above church held a concert to raise the funds to complete the purchase of a set of 52 handbells which they have recently bought. The accommodation of the Redcross Hall, Whitecross Street, S.E., where the concert was held, was taxed to its utmost, and a large and varied programme was provided including comic and sentimental songs, sketches and change-ringing and tune-playing on the handbells by members of the Society.

The Rector and assistant clergy were all present. The Rector in announcing one of the sketches took the opportunity of thanking the ringers for the great interest they took in ringing the bells for the services, and remarked that although they were seen but little, they made themselves heard above everybody else. They were now seeing them in a new light, that of concert entertainers, and they were to be congratulated upon their success, especially as it was their "first offence" in this respect. He would like to mention the name of Mr. Taffender, the Master of the Society and musical director for the evening, and thank him for the interest, now extending over many years, he had always taken in the ringers of St. George's, and the skill and patience he had always shown in teaching the members. He, the Rector, was not a Ringer himself, all his campanological experience consisting of once pulling a bell-rope and forgetting to let go, and being taken up to the ceiling in consequence; but that experience had taught him to respect the skill shown by change-ringers.

With the usual speed that marks happy hours the hands of the clock flew round until, with the programme still unfinished, that arch enemy Time called "stand" to a pleasant evening, which it is hoped will be repeated annually.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—E. Reader has removed from 115, Ratcliff Road, to Linton Villa, Beacon Road, Loughborough.

The bells at the Town Hall, Manchester, are closed to the public. Any one wishing for a pull must write in the first instance to Mr. W. Cartwright, 14, New Lawn Street, Moss Side.

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FOR SALE. A set of handbells (15). All in peal, in the key of C. Five inches across the tenor. Price £3. A. W. BOWERS, 3, Hillfield, Labbiscombe Road, Chelston, Torquay.

REPLY TO REV. H. J. PILKINGTON

SIR,—It is a pity that Mr. Pilkington has rushed into an accusation of want of courtesy towards himself on the part of the Peal Collection Committee of the Central Council. Neither Mr. Dains nor I have the slightest recollection as to how the first peal in the Double Oxford Collection found its way into print. But on the back of Mr. Pilkington's ms. copy I find the following pencil note in my handwriting: "This is the way to send in a collection. Beautifully done. Publish them *en masse*." After my own initials follow those of Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Dains, the two other members of the Committee. In view of this Mr. Pilkington will see that the fact that proofs were not sent to him, so far from being occasioned by any want of courtesy, was due to considerations entirely the reverse of this, namely, that the Collection had evidently been most carefully carried out, and that the ms. was most plainly and neatly written out, and that therefore to send him the proofs was only to give him unnecessary trouble. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DEAL BELL FRAMES.

SIR,—There is a pitch pine frame at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, as far as my memory serves me. It carries the heavy ring of eight there, and the bells go exceedingly well. G. H. PHILLOTT.

THEN—AND NOW!

SIR,—Some time ago when "Practical Politics" were written, the writer stated that certain persons upon the Central Council peal committee were there for "pushing their own pikes." Those remarks brought down upon me execration and anathema unlimited from those readers who dislike unpalatable truth. I will now ask those who disagreed with me to read carefully the letter of Rev. J. Holme Pilkington in your last issue on the tactics employed in pushing compositions into the Central Council's work. When they have read the rev. gentleman's protest they might do worse than think again. W. W.

THE LATE JOHN ROGERS.

SIR,—It was with deep regret I read the short notice of the above ringer's end, and that regret was intensified by the thought that among the much vaunted London Exercise no man was found to send a line for seven weeks! Such callous apathy would not, I fancy, occur in the provinces, where men like John Rogers would not go their grave unwept, unhonoured or unsung. This repeated indifference to the demise of good ringers and conductors in the metropolis does not add to its dignity. It has been the writer's lot at times to be in conflict of opinion with the deceased gentleman through the correspondence column, but such instances lessen not a whit respect for a fellow ringer. John Rogers was, by his performances, a good ringer and conductor, and if there is any freemasonry—any brotherhood at all among us—it should at least be shewn when Death the leveller has laid his grip upon our brethren. Should these lines be read by any relative, will they accept the will for the deed and believe that at least one brother-man would have shewn his sympathy had he known. R.I.P. W. WILLSON.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me through your columns to dissociate the Hallow company from any part in the proposed charge of 2s. 6d. to visiting bands of ringers here. I pointed out to the Vicar and churchwardens, when the proposed charge was made to me, that I did not think they could find any precedent for such a course, and that the local band were against a charge being made for use of bells unless such a system was generally adopted. I advised the Vicar to send notice of the proposed charge to the Secretary of our Association, and the matter could be brought forward and fully discussed at the next quarterly meeting, which was done. Your able leader on the subject in the issue of February 15th has the sympathy of ringers here and should act as a deterrent to those authorities who feel inclined to take a similar course. I might say, in fairness to the authorities here, that they appoint and pay one of the ringers to clean and keep the tower and bells in order, and any necessary repairs are quickly attended to.

A. WINTERTON, Hon. Sec. Hallow Company.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Mr. Dains misunderstands me. I have no wish to prevent this subject going before the Central Council. But I do wish that neither the Method Committee nor any other Committee should be asked or expected to settle disputes between individuals.

Mr. Snowdon quotes the case of Cambridge Major and asks me how far I consider it allowable to add places to the illegitimate London Royal to make it legitimate. I think the answer depends on what your object is. If you are simply trying to make a good method out of a bad one then it is certainly allowable to add what places you think fit. But I don't think that you can call the new good method by the same name as the old bad one. I hardly think the precedent of Cambridge applies. When methods were in the making it was of course not only allowable but inevitable that methods should be improved from an imperfect to a perfect state. But when you have once got a perfect method you have got it and further alteration is not allowable. London Surprise is a fixed quantity, a series of places that gives on six and eight bells perfect methods, but does not on ten and twelve bells. Mr. James uses in this connection an inverted kind of argument, common enough in this sort of discussion, but which he is as a rule commendably free from. He says London is a legitimate method therefore method A (page 530 D.N.) is not London Royal. Surely it should be thus. Method A is London Royal therefore London Royal is not a legitimate method. 'Tis a pity 'tis so, but there it is. The grouping of places which we call London Surprise gives perfect methods on six and eight bells but does not on ten. That is as far as we can go in strict logic. But it seems pretty generally agreed not only by those who have written on the subject but by all ringers to whom I have spoken that we must have a method on ten bells that we can call London Royal. I don't see any objection to this provided that any such method is frankly recognised as a compromise. The matter now stands thus. Mr. Lindoff has a method which has been rung as London Royal. The Bristol men have a method by Mr. Bankes James which they practised before Mr. Lindoff's method was brought to London. And Mr. Law James has a method which he claims to be really and truly London Royal. On their merits, I think most people, and myself among them, place Mr. Law James's method at the top of the three. But, and this is the only point really in dispute, is it sufficiently better than Mr. Lindoff's to counteract the fact that the latter has been rung, and is therefore in possession? Personally I don't think so. If Mr. Law James's method were scientific London Royal as he claims it to be then there were an end of the matter. But it is not, and if it were accepted as London Royal we should be just as far from having a scientifically correct London Royal as we are now.

As I understand it, Mr. James bases his claims on the fact that his method differs from London Royal only when the treble is in 9-0. "This is a new position which has never appeared before," says he, and therefore he assumes that you may here deviate from the strict method in a way that he will not tolerate elsewhere. I altogether dissent. I am not prepared to admit that 9-10 is a new position. I do not consider that when you add two bells to eight to make them ten that either in practice or in theory it is 9-0 that you add. You certainly add two numerals by which you call the bells. That is all. If you called your bells by musical names instead of numerical names you would add to the other end. In practice you certainly add to the light end and in theory I consider that what you do when you increase the number of working bells, is not that you add fresh bells but that you expand, so to speak, what you have already got. There is at least as much to be said for the view that the fresh positions are in 5-6 which is equi-distant from before and behind as that they are in 9-0. But either view breaks down as soon as you come to apply it to all cases. Let Mr. James apply his theory to a double method and he will see at once how unsound it is. The weakest part of Mr. James's argument is that 9th's place should be made in Royal. In both Minor and Major fourth's place from behind is made, and this is at least certain that no Royal Method that does not make the same place can any how be true London Royal. Mr. James has proved that Mr. Lindoff's method is not London Royal. Has he proved that his own is? I think not.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SIR,—I gather from the correspondence on London Surprise, that everyone is agreed that the true Royal form of that method is illegitimate. Everyone seems also agreed that the name should therefore be transferred to the method that comes nearest to it. Now I must say, if I am correct in my interpretation, that this involves a *non sequitur*.

These same Masters, who are now contending, have laid down on us who have only opportunity of ringing such methods as Grandsire Bob, a burden which is sometimes hard to bear, but they are now unwilling to touch it with one of their fingers. If we are not to ring Bob Triples, or talk of Grandsire Major, because they are illegitimate, why are they to have their London Surprise Royal when that is illegitimate?

And the unfairness is the more wanton, in that while they have provided themselves with such a superfluity of substitutes that they do not know which to choose, they will not allow us even one substitute in which we can adapt either of our methods to a new number of bells.

Surely it were more consistent to squarely recognise the fact that a legitimate peal cannot be scored in London Surprise Royal; and if all these varieties belong to London Surprise, and to no other method, to designate them by their authors' names: e.g., "Law James's Modification" or "Lindoff's Modification." This would have the advantage of being correct and at the same time pleasing everyone.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Mr. James says I have given no explanation as regards the work with treble in 3-4. I consider I gave him an honest straightforward answer in my last. I will however put it more direct. I departed from True London with treble in 3-4 for the same reason that he made his departure in 9-0. Because a departure was necessary. And I had as much right to use 3-4 for that departure as he had for using 9-0.

Mr. James has admitted that we must alter the rules somewhere. And to support his variation makes the following statement and claim. "9-0 is a new position. And that the alteration must be made there." Now my contentions are that 9-0 are not a new position, and that we are not forced by any precedent to make our alteration there. 9-0 I contend are only old places with a new name. The equivalents to 7-8 in Major. Any bells in 9-0 are merely behind.

If they are new places as Mr. James claim then all our method builders have been wrong. Take Stedman for a simple example. According to this new idea in Caters and Cinques we ought to retain our 5ths place bob as in Triples.

But are we wrong? I contend we are not, even though, to suit his own ends Mr. James would try to bounce us into this belief.

No—my contention is that any extension is contained in the interior. An analysis of previous extensions will prove such to be the case.

Till Mr. James can prove my contentions to be wrong, then he cannot prove that I have made a wrong departure in London Royal.

Time or space will not permit me to give him illustrations.

I shall be most happy to correspond with him privately on the subject.

G. LINDOFF.

SIR,—All the writers in "THE BELL NEWS" re London Surprise have overlooked one very important fact—that of the coursing order of the working bells. Every standard method extended to Royal and Maximus, Grandsire, Plain, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge fully carry out the rule. Take Double Norwich for an example. Although it requires fresh rules for ringing this method, yet the coursing order remains 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7. Now in London Major the order going up after the treble is 5, 3, 2 (7 the central 5th bell), 4, 6, 8 the 2nd lead 3, 2, 4 (5 central 5th), 6, 8, 7. Therefore the same order should be maintained in Royal. The pricking given by the Rev. James initialled (E) has this feature. The order being 5, 3, 2 (7, 9, 10 central work), 4, 6, 8 in the 2nd lead, 3, 2, 4 (5, 7, 9 central work 6, 8, 10).

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

SIR,—Having read with much interest the correspondence which has appeared from time to time in your valuable paper I

should like to give my idea on this subject. London should be treated the same as Grandsire, Stedman and other methods, and the place-making ought not to be altered from the original. First we get Minor and then Major, and in both it will be seen that when the treble is either before or behind they are the same. Now we want Royal, and to get it we must have the Major changes, otherwise it cannot be London Royal, and the only alteration which can be made must be when the treble is in 5-6, in which places she never appears in Major. I now give half a lead to show my meaning, and if the place-making is not as set down it is not London, whether the method can be obtained or not.

JOHN CARTER.

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INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The ringers of the various churches in Northampton met on Friday evening last in the large room at the Volunteer Inn, Wellingborough Road (kindly lent by Mr. E. Copson) for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Fred Wilford, who is the esteemed Captain of St. Giles' team, a gold badge in honour of his having rung 100 peals. The badge is in the form of a church bell, of a true and correct shape, and is the work of Mr. G. H. Coldwell, Mirfield, Yorks. There were about 50 present. Mr. Fairey (All Saints') was chairman for the evening. Mr. W. H. Ashby (St. Sepulchre's) occupied the vice-chair. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, called upon Mr. F. Hopper to make the presentation, and in doing so Mr. Hopper spoke in very high and appreciative terms of Mr. Wilford, and the good work he was carrying on in the ringing world. Mr. Wilford, he said, had a very extensive knowledge of bells, and was an expert ringer, but he did not keep his knowledge to himself. Mr. Wilford was a gentleman who was ever ready to assist others in acquiring proficiency in the art of change-ringing, and he was glad that Mr. Wilford's good work and example had been recognised in a practical manner. Mr. Wilford, who had been carefully kept in ignorance as to the nature of the meeting, in accepting the bell, assured the subscribers that he appreciated the kindly spirit in which it was given to the fullest extent, and thanked them most heartily. He should value the present very much, and ever regard it as a token of goodfellowship, which he was pleased to be able to say did exist among them. Messrs. Manning and W. Roberts added their testimony to the good work Mr. Wilford was carrying on. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, a capital programme having been arranged. The following contributed songs:—Mr. W. Fairey, Mr. J. Metherell, Mr. W. Rogers, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. W. Roberts. Mr. W. H. Ashby gave a humorous recital, while Mr. W. Swallow, the popular local comedian, who sang four comic songs in fine style, caused infinite amusement. Mr. R. Haynes was the able accompanist. Mr. Fred Wilford, it should be mentioned, is the energetic General Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLETS.

On Saturday, February 15th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, in the form of the dedication of two peal tablets. One records a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which the conductor, James E. Groves, rang two bells (3-4), it being the first peal rung in this manner in Great Britain, also one of Grandsire Triples rung by an entirely local band. The other tablets also contains two peals, viz.:—One of Superlative Surprise, rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, conducted by Arthur Pegler—the first peal of Surprise rung in Wolverhampton; and one of Stedman Triples, in which the bob-caller, Herbert Knight, rang the 7th (blindfold) the first time such had been performed on tower bells.

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(curate) performed the ceremony, and, in the course of his remarks said he hoped the ringers would recognise their important duty, both as ringers and as churchmen, and expressed the wish that ere long he would be one of their number in the belfry.

Mr. W. R. Small made a few interesting remarks, giving advice to the younger members of the Art to persevere, and try to excel what had already been done on the bells. Although not hitting at the reverend gentleman present, Mr. Small went on to relate how ringers generally had in former years been to a great measure neglected by the clergy, but was happy to say that at the present time such was not so seriously the case, as, through the formation of Associations, clergy and ringers were brought together in closer contact, each body recognising the friendship of the other.

Mr. D. Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Handley for his kindly services, and Mr. J. E. Groves seconded the motion, uttering a few encouraging words to the younger element.

After the ceremony an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost after an hour's ringing. The band were afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones. Mr. G. Burrows helped to amuse the company by relating some of his escapades.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday evening, February 19th, the members of the Bolney church Ringers' Society paid a visit to the parish church at Henfield, where they were welcomed by Mr. W. Harkwell—the Secretary to the local band—and several of the Henfield Ringers, who had the bells raised in readiness.

The visitors rang the first touch of 504 changes of Grandsire Triples, after which combined practice took place, several touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Stedman Triples being brought round.

At 9.10 p.m. the bells were lowered and the party adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a homely, but most enjoyable bread and cheese supper was partaken of. The visitors left for Bolney by pair horse 'bus soon after ten o'clock, and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the cordial welcome extended to them by their brother strings at Henfield.

The Metropolis.

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| ABSALOM THOMAS Treble. | ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 5. |
| FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.. 2. | JOHN W. JONES.. .. 6. |
| JOHN BULLEN 3. | JAMES PIPPIN 7. |
| SAMUEL JONES 4. | CORNELIUS BOWEN Tenor. |

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of one of the All Saints ringers, Mr. Melbourne Lewis to Miss Florence Little Jones.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. in F.

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| HENRY W. WILDE Treble. | JOHN USHER 5. |
| GEORGE DYMENT* 2. | WILLIAM SHORT 6. |
| EDWIN USHER 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7. |
| ROBERT SPERRING 4. | EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor. |

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's first peal for the above Association; also his first peal in the county of Flint. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1220th peal, of which 838 were peals of Stedman Triples.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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| JAMES M. BAILEY* Treble. | NORMAN R. BAILEY.. .. 5. |
| GEORGE BERRY 2. | EDGAR H. BAILEY 6. |
| FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 3. | CHARLES SAMSON 7. |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 4. | CHARLES F. BAILEY.. .. Tenor. |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

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| EDGAR WEBB* Treble. | THOMAS BEADLE 5. |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. 2. | GEORGE SPENCER 6. |
| HERBERT W. LIDBETTER 3. | FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 7. |
| CHARLES DELL 4. | *WALTER HOWLETT Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Goddard and the Master of the Association, Mr. J. Basden.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART.

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| ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble | HARRY G. BEAMS 5. |
| JOHN BEAMS 2. | DANIEL SNELLING 6. |
| EDWARD T. GROVE 3. | CHARLES E. READ 7. |
| STEPHEN WILSON 4. | WALTER SHERMAN Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late George Wood, Esq., who was churchwarden for fifteen years at the parish church, and was also an honorary member of the above Association.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan, and Grandsire.

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| WILLIAM MACE Treble | GEORGE LARGE 4. |
| ERNEST WEBB 2. | WALTER LARGE.. .. 5. |
| STANLEY GREEN.. .. 3. | *ANDREW F. RANDALL .. Tenor. |

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt 4 lbs.

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| JOHN GOODMAN Treble. | ALFRED ROWLEY 5. |
| FRED EVANS 2. | JESSE SCREEN 6. |
| WILLIAM MILLS.. .. 3. | JOHN GOODMAN 7. |
| THOMAS WATTON 4. | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JESSE SCREEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. John Goodman, who was a ringer at this tower for forty years, and cousin to the ringer of the treble.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

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| J. TAZEWELL Treble. | T. RICKETTS 4. |
| G. LAWRENCE 2. | H. HATTON 5. |
| E. BOULTON 3. | T. PENNEY.. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

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| EDWARD CASH Treble. | REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6. |
| JOSEPH RIDYARD 2. | A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7. |
| SAMUEL STOTT 3. | WILLIAM DAVIES 8. |
| REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4. | HARRY CHAPMAN 9. |
| EDWARD CAUNCE 5. | PETER CROOK Tenor. |
| | WILLIAM SHELTON Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Reference elsewhere.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| GEORGE LEWIS Treble. | WALTER COATES 5. |
| THOMAS G. SAREL 2. | WALTER ALLWOOD 6. |
| CLEMENT GLENN 3. | WILLIAM BIGGIN 7. |
| EDWIN JAMES 4. | ANTHONY V. DENT Tenor. |

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung as a farewell peal to Anthony V. Dent, who is leaving the district, the ringers wishing him every success.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble. | GEORGE ROBINSON 5. |
| ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6. |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH 3. | LEONARD BULLOCK 7. |
| THOMAS DICKEN* 4. | HERBERT HURDMAN.. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method, †First peal.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

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| ERNEST BEECROFT* Treble. | JOHN HALL 4. |
| WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2. | JOHN W. MALLETT 5. |
| FREDERICK WAENER 3. | GEORGE BALLS Tenor. |

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| GEORGE HAYES Treble. | WILLIAM LANE 5. |
| JOHN WHEADON 2. | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5. |
| WILLIAM HARPER 3. | REUBEN COPELIN 7. |
| FREDK. J. RING 4. | LEWIS SILVER Tenor. |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WALLACE RODEN* Treble. | WALTER HAYWARD 4. |
| JOHN T. TYLER 2. | WILLIAM SHORT 5. |
| GEORGE E. JONES* 3. | GEORGE CASE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

NUTTALL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, four 6-scores each of Chace, Stedman Slow Course, Plain and Old Doubles, and six 6-scores of Antelope Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

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| LEWIS BEARDSMORE Treble. | ERNEST WILCOX 3. |
| ARTHUR HARRISON 2. | PERCY BEARDSMORE 4. |
| FRANK BEARDSMORE Tenor. | |

Conducted by ARTHUR HARRISON.

*First peal. P. Beardsmore was elected a member previous to starting.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, Chester, Carlisle, London, Superlative, York and Cambridge. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. Treble. | JOSEPH GOACHER 4. |
| REGINALD BLAKE 2. | WILLIAM DAY 5. |
| FREDERICK BENNETT 3. | ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor. |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor rung by the above Guild, and by all the band.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| TOM PYLE Treble. | CHARLES F. WEST 4. |
| WILLIAM ELKINGTON 2. | STANLEY WOLFE 5. |
| ALBERT WEST 3. | GEORGE CHESTER Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

*First peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| GEORGE HOLLIS Treble. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5. |
| GEORGE W. MOSS 2. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6. |
| JOHN FLINT 3. | GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7. |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4. | SAM THOMAS Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. Rang after meeting two short for Double Norwich Royal

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JOHN E. OVERTON Treble. | BERTRAM HEAD 5. |
| ALBERT T. BAKER 2. | WILFRED OVERTON 6. |
| WILLIAM SHORT 3. | JOHN OVERTON 7. |
| JOHN ELCOCK 4. | HORACE W. OVERTON .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of Mr. Churchwarden Deighton and the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ERNEST MCWILLIAM .. Treble. | GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5. |
| ALFRED CHAPMAN 2. | WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6. |
| JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3. | WALTER CHAPMAN 7. |
| W. T. HOLGATE 4. | GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor. |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

Date Touches.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

SHILDON.—On Tuesday, February 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, and 468 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Hind, H. Metcalfe, T. Wick, J. Smith, E. J. Titt, R. B. Robinson conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On February 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Skuse, W. Henley first quarter-peal, G. Basden, J. J. Parker, J. Blackmore first quarter-peal, J. E. Elderfield, C. Clarke conductor, J. Bovington.

BLETCHLEY.—On January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, H. Sear, F. Baker, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, F. Goodman. On January 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, H. Sear, F. Baker, L. Meager, J. Higgins, E. Marks, G. Bonfield, V. Sear. And 181. F. Rowe, L. Mayer, F. Baker, E. Marks, G. Bonfield, J. Higgins, H. Sear, V. Sear.

SIMPSON (Bucks).—On January 16th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Turner, J. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, C. W. Smith, J. Meadows. And 360 by H. Turner, W. Coles, C. W. Smith conductor, J. Higgins, W. Pether.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 2nd, at 51, New Lane, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. On Sunday, February 2th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor, 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples on handbells by all except the conductor. Handbell practice has been taken up since the destruction of the Abbey bells by fire on October 20th, 1906.

SEDBURGH (Yorks).—The following eight methods were rung for the eight services during February: February 2nd, 672 Bob Major and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. February 9th, 672 Double Norwich and 672 Grandsire Triples. February 16th, 672 Superlative Surprise and 84 Stedman Triples (504 being false owing to a change course). February 23rd, 672 Duffield Major and 672 Double Oxford Major. W. Stainton, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, J. E. Senogles, H. Haresnape, W. Pennington, J. W. Pennington, G. F. Woodhouse conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Thursday, January 30th, at the Bell Foundry tower, nearly 4000 Stedman Triples, in 2 hrs., taken from Thurstans' four-part. H. F. Stubbs, J. Smith, E. Reader, W. Pervin, J. Davies, E. Abbott, H. Whittle conductor, J. Powell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEE.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Pike, E. Barnett, W. Hewitt, H. Gummer, F. Bennett conductor, W. J. Jeffries, I. Emery, J. E. Davies.

DEPTFORD.—On Monday, February 10th, at St. John's church, 800 in the same method, W. Weatherstone ringing the treble, the rest as above. These were the first touches of Cambridge on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW.—On Thursday, February 13th, 1008 Bob Major. G. Dent, B. Coppin, F. Palmer, J. Burles, W. Wheeler, J. Wheeler, J. Cordell, J. Smith. First 1008 by all except the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Dent, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

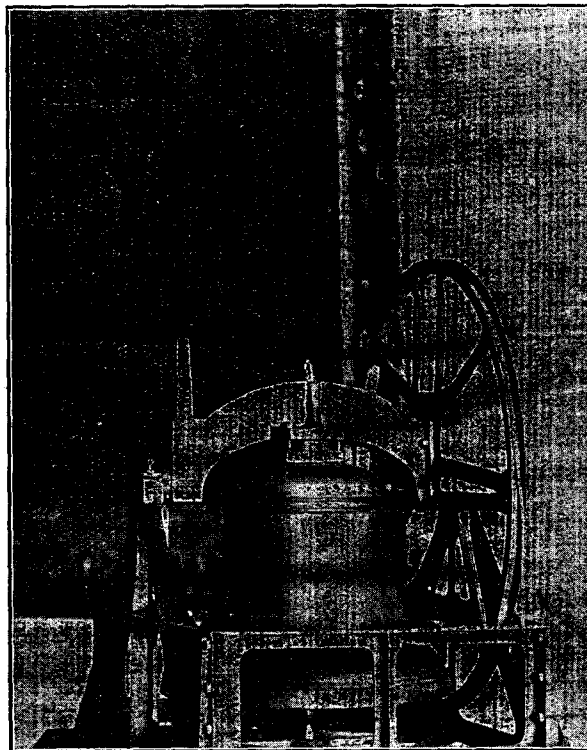
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. William Deavin Graham, Vicar of Christ Church, Somers Town, and Louise, youngest daughter of Thomas Watkins Parrish, of Sbrublands, Horley, 504 and

238 Grandsire Triples before the wedding, and a half-peal of Grandsire Triples and a 168 of Court Bob Triples after. A. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, G. Illman, A. Songhurst, J. Sherlock. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Etheridge, J. Kenward, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Gardner, F. Davey conductor, C. Carter, A. W. Searle, E. Barter, H. B. Kindersley, J. Moss, W. Hoskins.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Curley, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, T. Best, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, C. Merryfield.

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Obituary.**B. F. LAMB, HALIFAX.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Lamb, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 15th, after a prolonged illness of two years, from acute anæmia, at the early age of 42 years. The deceased was a native of Bradford, and when a youth of 15 years commenced his ringing career at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, where he soon blossomed into an expert ringer and striker, and in a short time joined the Bradford Parish Church Society, making his name as a tenor ringer, for which his build was adapted, and his record of peals rung, which totalled 67, were with a few exceptions made by ringing the tenor; while he also rang through a 10,400 of Treble Bob at Shipley, some twelve years ago.

The deceased, who was in the Weights

and Measures Department of the Bradford Corporation, obtained the post of Inspector at Halifax when the Corporation took over the county responsibility in this respect; and on his removal to Halifax he joined the parish church company, with whom he rang regularly until some eighteen months ago, when his health began to fail.

The deceased was a member of the Yorkshire Association of 28 years' standing, and for a few years a member of the committee. He was also the President of the Halifax and District Association until he abandoned both these posts in December last. The funeral took place on the 19th ult., at Undercliffe cemetery, Bradford, the cortege proceeding from Halifax by road, and being met at Bradford by his brother ringers and friends, the Yorkshire Association being represented by Messrs. G. Bolland, vice-president; J. Broadley, steward; and J. Cotterell, treasurer; and

the Halifax and District Association by J. Lawson, vice-president; J. S. Ambler, ex-president; and J. E. Jenkinson, committee. Ringers were also present from Bolton, Bradford, Shipley, Leeds, Wakefield, and other places. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, vicar of St. Chad's Church, Headingley, with whom deceased had spent many happy hours during his ringing career, and in the evening a muffled peal in memoriam was rung at Drighlington by representatives of eight parishes in the district.

ROBERT FOULDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer on the 6th ult., at 33, Duke Street, Colne. He had always been a prominent Church worker, as a Member of the Choir, Church Cleaner, etc. He had also been a member of the local company of change ringers for 30 years. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and had taken part in six peals. He was 57 years of age, and worked at Messrs. Shaws' Cotton Manufacturers, from a boy.

He was carried to his last resting place, Colne Cemetery, by his brother ringers on the 10th ult., the service in the Parish Church being fully choral, the Rector officiating, and referred in feeling terms to services of deceased to the Church in his sermon on Sunday morning, the bells being fully muffled.

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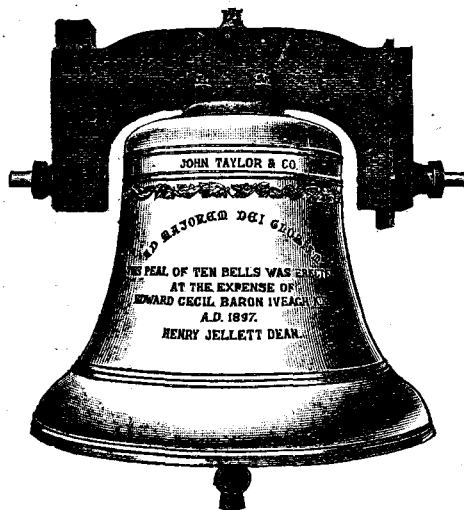
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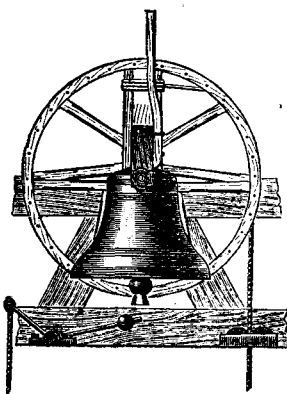
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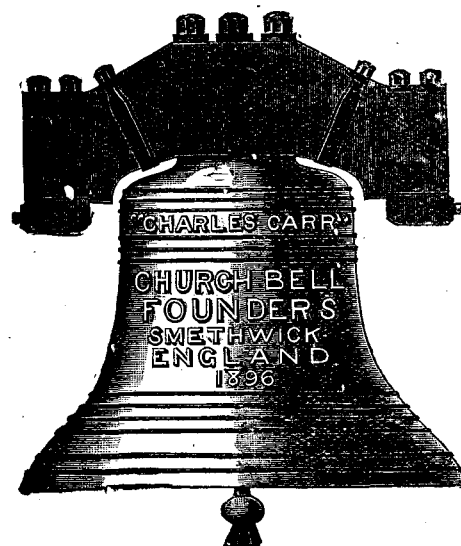
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